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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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ONCE more we stand upon the threshold which divides two years of the life of our Woman's Board of Missions—a brief resting-place between our past and our unknown future. As in former years, through the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we may still look backward thankfully, and forward hopefully. While we mourn over all our shortcomings, our lukewarmness, mistakes and failures, thoroughly conscious that whatever of success or strength we may have has come from above, we yet rejoice most earnestly in all we have been able to accomplish. We rejoice at what our God has done through us; at the plans he has helped us to form and carry forward; at the ever-increasing confidence of the Christian women in our churches in our society, shown by constant accessions to our numbers; at the many seemingly unmistakable tokens of our Master's approval. We rejoice to feel that, year by year, our work is becoming a living reality to hundreds of women who formerly gave only cool, indifferent approbation to a good object, but who now gladly give time and talents and money and prayer to a cause that lies very near their hearts.

To bring the record of a year crowded with labor of various kinds within the limits of a half hour, will allow but the briefest mention of the more important points.

### ORGANIZATIONS.

As far as human plans are concerned, we have reason to believe that our main strength lies in our thorough system of organization. In our twenty Branches and four Conference Associations, we have a large band of Christian women organized to carry forward the work to its full completion. As this organization had already reached an advanced stage, there is but little

change to report for the past year. One of the Conference Associations in Eastern Massachusetts—the North Essex—has taken upon itself the dignity of a Branch; while four others—the North, South and West Suffolk and the Mendon Conference Associations—have united in the formation of a Suffolk Branch, which has already proved its efficiency by added organizations and large receipts. The completion of the ideal set before these Branches and Conference Associations must be a work of time. Toward this end, however, this much has been accomplished the past year: the organization of fifty-seven new auxiliaries and sixty-two new mission-circles. With these additions, we have eight hundred and eighty-five auxiliaries and five hundred and sixty mission-circles; making a total of one thousand four hundred and forty-five.

#### MEETINGS.

Side by side with organizations, in importance in the work, are the hundreds of Auxiliary, Branch and Board meetings, which are held during the year. The meetings of the main Board have been of unusual interest; principally, perhaps, through the presence of new missionaries, who have said brave, parting words, and told the simple story of the way in which they have been led to devote their lives to mission service. The impression made by their whole-souled consecration cannot fail to have a lasting effect on young lives at home. Meetings of Branches and Conference Associations have also been full of power and interest. "Bending before the mercy-seat together, heart is drawn to heart as they feel their aims and hopes are one, and that the one Lord of all meets with them." "Not only the young, the strong, the vigorous workers, are found there, but the aged mother comes, with tottering feet, and the little ones clinging closely to the mother's hand. Many eyes have glistened with joy because of the felt blessing of the Master upon the work."

From auxiliary meetings come varied reports. In some we hear of only the two or three who claim the promise, while others number scores, and even hundreds. As a whole, we think there is a decided gain in these meetings. The interest in the countries hitherto so little known, but now opening so rapidly, is shown by the amount of information concerning them in the public press and the current literature of the day. As

the eyes of the Christian world are drawn toward them more and more; as the information as to their manners and customs, their religious systems, their literature and their moral condition, becomes more full and exact, it seems inevitable that Christian people must become convinced of their need of Christianity, and of somebody's duty to send it to them. So far as our own sex is concerned, we are sure that auxiliary meetings may become a source of real power and interest. There is, certainly, no necessity for their becoming dull and monotonous. One writes: "The monthly meetings have become a necessity of our Christian life, and are gladly anticipated." Another: "Life takes on a broader aspect as our thoughts reach out to these far-off fields, and we find in this grand theme the strength and inspiration we need for our daily cross-bearing."

#### BUREAU OF EXCHANGE.

To assist in preparations for these meetings, of various kinds, our Bureau of Exchange has been taxed to its utmost, during the year. Nearly sixteen hundred letters and papers have been sent out from Boston, to be copied and re-copied for use in different parts of our territory. There have been constant demands for dialogues, songs and recitations, for mission circles, Sunday School and monthly missionary concerts. Scarcely a week has passed that these were not sent, with costumes accompanying them, in various directions, from Maine to Pennsylvania. The Secretary has attended ten Branch meetings, receiving a most cordial welcome as the representative of the Board.

#### YOUNG LADIES' MISSION CIRCLES.

The past year has been memorable for the establishment of almost a new department in our home work—that of Young Ladies' Mission Circles. Immediately after our annual meeting, a spontaneous movement among the Boston churches resulted in the formation of four such societies, in one week, within the city limits. Others quickly followed, and there are now over one hundred on our list. So far as known, these new organizations are strong, efficient and enthusiastic; and, forming as they do, a connecting link between auxiliaries and children's mission circles, they are of great promise for the future of our Board.

## WORK AMONG CHILDREN.

The work among the children has formed one of the bright experiences of the year. Their study of the lives of missionaries, and the needs of boys and girls in heathen lands; fine specimens of missionary maps which they have drawn; cabinets of curiosities which they have started; the papers they have written — all testify that a good foundation is being laid for the future; while the large sum actually contributed gives them no mean share in the present work. One little boy, by his own efforts, aided only by his mission-loving mother, has raised sixty dollars the past year. It is estimated that if there were one such worker in every Congregational Sabbath School, it would bring nearly \$150,000 into the Foreign Mission Treasury.

## PUBLICATIONS.

The publications of the year have been principally confined to *Life and Light* and *Missionary Echoes*, issued in connection with the *Well-Spring*. A circular, sent out just at the close of the year, setting forth our needs for the immediate future, we trust will meet with a generous and hearty response. The *Life and Light* has increased its circulation by about eleven hundred; and, notwithstanding quite a large addition to its expenditure, has closed the year without debt. In May we were privileged to add a "Department of the Pacific," edited by the ladies of that Board; thus embodying within our covers the three-fold woman's missionary work carried on by constituency with the American Board. "The Young People's Department" has met with general approval, and it is hoped it may become a channel of mutual interchange of plans and sentiments among the younger workers, both at home and abroad. The *Missionary Echoes* has a circulation of 18,000; and going, as it does, into hundreds of homes where there is no other missionary periodical, we trust a foundation is laid for interest and active effort in years to come.

## THE TREASURY.

The greatest source of anxiety during the year has been the treasury, both from its vital importance to the general work and from its exhibition of the substantial result of efforts put forth. As we have received the ever-increasing demands from

abroad, and looked into the faces of those who, with lofty consecration, have been willing to give up all for the foreign work, we have been oppressed with fear lest the grand march of the Gospel, so far as we are concerned, should be retarded, for lack of funds. With strong faith in a constituency that has never failed us, to supply the pressing needs, we have sent out all who were qualified to go. God grant that we may be able to sustain them as their work widens before them.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

We cannot close the Home Department of this Report without mention of the sad, though pleasant, memories of an honored Vice-President of our Board — Mrs. William Thompson — who stood with us, at her last public meeting on earth, a year ago to-day. Earnestly engaged in our Board from its beginning, she was a tower of strength, both in the Branch of which she was president and in the general Board. "She was wise and judicious in counsel, true in her friendship, equal to an emergency, and breathed so naturally the spirit of prayer that she carried all hearts with her very near the throne." While this good friend was leaving earth in the mellow ripeness of her threescore years and ten, a young life on the other side of the world was going out, in all its bloom and freshness. The light and joy of her father's house, a ministering spirit by her mother's side in her varied missionary work, Miss Etta Chandler was making her way to the hearts of the people, and proving herself a whole-souled, efficient laborer. Just as mother and daughter were beginning to see the result of their labors, when hopes were bright and expectations great for the future, our friend was called to lay aside her cherished plans and enter upon service in another sphere. To us, it would seem that a life with so fair a promise were needed on earth; but it was our Father's will, and so was best.

#### FOREIGN WORK.

As we turn to the foreign field the outlook is most inspiring. The effects of the dread overturning of war and famine, so trying in their actual experience, have proved most salutary for missionary operations, and the grand ingathering of results from the patient labor of the past half century seems to have begun.

In almost every field, the pressure which arises from success weighs like a burden on the insufficient corps of workers. We have now under our care, abroad, seventy-five missionaries, eighty-five Bible-readers, twenty-one boarding-schools, besides five homes for higher education, and sixty-eight village schools; a gain of seven missionaries and three boarding-schools over last year. Fourteen missionaries have been sent out during the year — two returning to their work after a period of rest in this country. Two have come to the United States, for rest, and five have severed their connection with our Board.

The work, in detail, is, briefly, as follows: Labor in the ZULU MISSION has been somewhat affected by the war excitement, which has at times pervaded all parts of the country, although the missionaries have remained quietly at their posts. A more serious injury has been the creeping in of a worldly spirit among the church-members, owing to the dazzling opportunities for money-making in the English war service, hundreds of pounds having been given to the natives for the transportation of military stores. It is much to be regretted, also, that many English residents do not sympathize with missionary work, and the struggle with the effect of unchristian civilization is added to other burdens. Mrs. Edwards, not being able to do outside work, through the unsettled state of the country, has resumed her place in Inanda Seminary, with Miss Price, as an assistant, and the school has made favorable progress. During the term ending in July there were fifty-four names on the rolls, and more than one hundred and fifty dollars were received as tuition fees. Miss Morris, whose health, after a long struggle, is partially established, is perfecting herself in the language, and preparing to enter upon kraal work as soon as it shall be best to attempt it. Miss Hance, after a rest in Cape Town, has taken up her work, so far as practicable, superintending her day-schools and holding meetings in the kraals. The new building for the Umzumbi Home was dedicated March 6th, with appropriate exercises, and the pleasant, airy school-room was much admired by the large numbers of natives present. At the commencement of the summer term there were twenty boarders, seven of them new ones. The effect of a few months' training upon these rough kraal girls is said to be quite wonderful, and already, as at Inanda, we hear of little prayer-meetings, under the trees or in the tall grass, which send them back to their duties with

happy, contented faces and quiet, softened manners. Mrs. Tyler's work still continues, unobtrusively, but how efficiently, is shown in the changed lives of many a woman who has come under her instruction and influence.

In TURKEY, we see a weak nation struggling to establish its right to existence in the midst of burdensome taxation, great poverty, and a restless, turbulent feeling occasionally showing itself among the people in private plunder and rebellious outbreaks. While much is anticipated from the granting of religious liberty, it is too soon, as yet, to expect tangible results. The missionaries, in general, however, look out upon the work more hopefully than ever before. This is evidently the time for strenuous effort. There is a waking up of the popular mind, a desire for education for both men and women, a development of a new intellectual and social life, which give promise of the speedy coming of better days.

In EUROPEAN TURKEY, during the early part of the year, the missionary ladies spent much time in caring for the refugees who came pouring into the cities from desolated towns and villages. In Philippopolis there is little else to report, the past year being a time of preparation in this new station. Its political relations to Eastern Roumelia make it an important center for missionary labor. At Samokov, the school-girls entered heartily into relief-work, with the ladies of the station, contributing to the comfort of the refugees, from their scanty wardrobes and still more scanty purses. Miss Stone, who arrived in Samokov a little more than a year ago, has already taken her place as an efficient, earnest missionary, although devoting most of her time to the study of the language and the preparation for future work. The special work at Monastir has been that of the Bible-women, under the supervision of Mrs. Baird and others. As the result of their labors a large number of women attend the religious services, and many are becoming interested to read the Word of God for themselves. This is all the more hopeful because the women, in their ignorance, have hitherto been violently opposed to Protestantism and Christian teaching.

The school at Bardesag, in the WESTERN TURKEY MISSION, under the care of Misses Farnum and Parsons, has had a prosperous year, having at present thirty-three boarders and about fifty day scholars. Seven applications for admittance from some of the first families in Nicomedia have recently been

refused, for want of room. One of them was for the niece of the Bishop of Nicomedia, made with his approval. It is said that "In no school in the empire has greater success attended the efforts to bring the people up to a just appreciation of the value of education to their daughters." At Marsovan, the boarding-school under Misses Fritcher and Washburn is holding steadily on its way, having thirty-one boarders and sixteen day scholars. The annual report of the mission says: "Among all the instrumentalities for good in this land, the girls' boarding-school ranks among the first. It is not spasmodic, like the pulpit; it is not one-sided, like schools of science; it is not intermittent, like even the best of non-boarding-schools. It constantly surrounds these young minds with an atmosphere of purity and refinement, and aims, with God's help, to form the whole being in a Christian mold." Much religious interest was developed during the week of prayer, which has continued, with more or less power, during most of the year.

Mrs. Tracy, refreshed and strengthened by her rest in this country, and specially encouraged by what she saw of woman's missionary work here, is taking up her labors again with vigor and enjoyment. From Manisa comes the ringing words, "We have had health, hope, happiness and good courage, through all the year, for God has graciously led us on." The school, under the care of Misses Cull and Powers, has been undergoing a winnowing process, by the adoption of a rule requiring the pre-payment of tuition fees. "Many profess to admire the school," writes Miss Powers, "but they have an unconquerable aversion to paying tuition fees. Considering it their right to receive and the duty of Americans to give, their sense of justice is shocked by what they consider a mean exaction."

The report of the school, says: "The great need of Turkey is mothers—a need that must be met if there is to be a radical reformation. In behalf of the next generation, we plead for schools in the hands of capable Christian teachers; and in order to raise the teachers, we plead for facilities for training girls at the boarding-schools."

At Sivas, the girls' school has increased in numbers, being nearly double what it has been in former years. A new impulse has been given to Bible work, three women having been sent from Marash to engage in these labors. It has been very difficult to overcome the indifference of the women, who say,

"God created me, and of course he will save me. If I pray to the saints they will intercede, and a little corner in heaven will surely be found for me." Miss Bliss, of this mission, is to remain in this country, in a home of her own; her place has been supplied by Miss Chamberlain, who arrived in Sivas late in the summer.

The girls' school in Talas is said to be "one of the most satisfactory and efficient agencies for the spread of the Gospel in the Cesarea station. It not only gathers within its walls a large number of promising pupils, but is continually sending out rays of light into the surrounding darkness. Of the fifty-three girls in attendance this year, twenty-eight are now teachers in out-station villages. The girls are glad to go to their native villages as teachers and Bible-women, and the people are loud in their expressions of wonder and delight that one of their girls "can be what she is, and do what they see her do."

Perhaps the brightest spot in all our work in Turkey, the past year, has been our Constantinople Home. At the opening of the term in the autumn, one of the teachers writes: "You and we have been praying that the daughters of this land might come to fill these rooms, and be nursed at the side of your Christian school here; and now be not surprised that the prayer has been accepted, and they are coming from the North and South, the East and West, and they cry, "Give us room, that we may dwell!" The dormitories overflowed, till the teachers were obliged to dismantle their pleasant parlor and fill it with mattresses, to accommodate those who came flocking to their doors. The teacher adds: "But the best news is to come. Yesterday, three genuine Osmanli girls were brought to the Home as day scholars. \* \* \* So it has come—the breach is made in the wall. For the first time in this capitol, Mohammedan girls have been intrusted to a Christian school, and that, your American school itself—the child of many prayers. We go down on our knees in thankfulness for this gift of God. Our hearts are full of tenderness over all this precious responsibility in the house. We should tremble if we did not believe that our heavenly Father is willing to crown our blessings with the bestowal of his Spirit, here." To aid in caring for this expansion of the school, Misses Williams and Hamlin left for Constantinople in the early summer, and a sister of Miss Parsons has gone out, to render temporary assistance for a year more.

In the CENTRAL TURKEY MISSION, Aintab is one of the oldest and most successful stations. The college, the hospital, three Protestant churches, the girls' seminary, and, above all, the Christian homes all over the city, attest the good work already done there. The seminary has had a prosperous year with forty pupils, twenty-five of whom were boarders. Of the examinations in the summer, Miss Pierce writes: "I cannot exaggerate the happiness it would have given the friends and patrons of the school to have seen the lady-like and dignified bearing of our girls on that day. If you could not have understood their language, you could not have misunderstood their scholarly appearance." There has also been a very marked religious interest in the school. Nine of the twenty-five are church-members, and there is scarcely one of the whole number who does not express a hope of being a Christian. Miss Bingham, who went out to assist Miss Pierce, arrived at Aintab, October 10th. Leaving home and friends "in a perfect glow of hope and enthusiasm, radiant to the last," she writes back, the third day after her arrival, "I am just as glad as ever that I am a missionary." Miss Proctor has continued her labors in out-stations with vigor and success, spending last winter in Adana, where she and Miss Shattuck built up a school of eighty-three scholars, and spending this winter in Kessab, where she is doing a similar work. Mrs. Montgomery, also, has had good success in personal work with the women in and around Marash.

The territory comprised in the EASTERN TURKEY MISSION has suffered more than other parts of Turkey—owing to its distance from the capitol—from the unsettled state of the country; yet we find that the people are beginning, to some extent, to wake up to a new life, and demands for Christian teaching are constantly increasing. In Harpoot there is a growing desire for higher education, as it is better understood, and the college has had a prosperous year. The examinations of the Female Department are reported very successful. Miss Bush writes: "It seemed to us as if the summing up of the year's work was as satisfactory to the missionaries and large concourse of native pastors, preachers and students in attendance, as we could possibly hope to have it. \* \* \* All our large girls are needed now as teachers in the villages. Four or five requests for teachers have come the past week, and we have been obliged to answer, "We have none." Much touring has been done in this field by

Mrs. Allen and Miss Bush, Miss Seymour being more closely occupied in the school. At Van and Bitlis the work has been as encouraging as could have been expected, situated, as they are, near the mountains, and in constant danger from the lawless Koords. The roads have been so unsafe that it was impossible to carry on much evangelistic labor. A boarding-school has been started at Van, which promises much for the future. The school at Bitlis, which continued its constant growth under Mrs. Knapp's superintendence, is once more under the care of the Misses Ely, who returned in the summer. The girls' school at Mardin has continued steadily on its way, while the out-station work has been of special interest. Mrs. Andrus writes:

"After all these years of weary, patient effort to secure a hearing in these villages, having our helpers again and again driven out from one place and another by threats and even by stoning, it is refreshing, certainly, to have entreaty after entreaty to come in and preach to our hearts' content, even though the motive be not the purest and the best."

INDIA, as is well known, has been greatly blessed the past year in the turning of from sixty to eighty thousand people from their idols, desiring to embrace the true faith, and our missions have shared, to a certain extent, in the wonderful movement. In the MAHRATTA MISSION, Mrs. Hume's school, in Ahmednuggur, has had a prosperous year, having one hundred pupils. The twenty-three Bible-women, eighteen of them under Mrs. Bissell's care, have done, and are doing, a most important service. "They constitute," writes Mrs. Bissell, "a real working force. They labor mostly among the lowly, yet in the villages men and women of all castes are found in their audiences; and, in some instances, Brahmin women have invited them again and again to their homes. Said a Brahmin widow, who had been particularly afflicted by the sudden death of her daughter: 'I have no peace or rest. Come often, and sing those hymns and talk to me. I forget my sorrows while listening to you.'" The work of our medical missionaries continues to occupy a most important place in this mission. Miss Norris, at Bombay, reports nine thousand patients in a year, one-half of them new patients. Bible-women are always present during the hours spent in the dispensary, to read and talk with the women who come for treatment, and with men, also, who sometimes accompany their wives. It is estimated

that over thirty-five hundred heard the truth in this way during the first three months of the year. Miss Ogden, who has been laboring quite as successfully, in much the same way, at Sholapoor, has been obliged, by ill health, to return to this country for a time. Her dispensary is still kept in operation by her assistant, and a new building is now in process of erection, which promises to furnish most desirable headquarters for her work.

In the MADURA MISSION, progress in female education has been quite marked. The Madura Boarding School has had forty-eight pupils, fourteen having been admitted during the year. A good deal of religious interest has prevailed in the school, nineteen having been received into the church. The four other boarding-schools and the Hindu girls' schools have had a successful year. Of the work among the women in Madura, Mrs. Capron writes: "The work is exhilarating. One rejoices to be on the Lord's winning side when he is in the field." Through her schools, her Bible-women and her medical work, the number of houses to which she gains access increases in large geometrical ratio. The greatest development has been the eagerness with which the women listen to God's Word. "What days are these!" exclaimed one of them, as she rushed eagerly into Mrs. Capron's house. "For six years I have been waiting to hear about the Jesus Lord. I heard something six years ago." At another time she said: "I will tell you just what it is. When I go to worship our swamies, it is, You must give more money, more cocoanuts, more oil, more garlands, more fruit—always more, more. But in this religion you just sit down and take it in. It comes flowing into your ears and down into your heart; comes, and comes free, and I have nothing to do but take." "She had a revelation of the freeness of salvation that only the Holy Spirit could reveal." In her dispensary Mrs. Capron has treated thousands of patients, representatives from two hundred and fifty-four different villages, although the majority were from the city of Madura. The girls' schools at Pulney have had a large number of pupils during the year, although the average attendance has been comparatively small. The orphanage has been very successful; already these little ones, with the boarding-school girls, are beginning to do for others. From January to July a handful of rice was taken, every morning,

from the amount allotted for their meals, and it was sold for six dollars, which they cheerfully sent to the Board, asking that it should be sent to some child among the Dakota Indians. So are the East and the West drawn together by the irresistible tie of Christian love and charity. The place so sadly made vacant early in the year has been filled by a loving sister and daughter, Miss Gertrude Chandler, who gladly turned her back on all the bright prospects open, to a graduate of Wellesley College, in this country, to give her life for heathen women in Pulney.

In the CEYLON MISSION we find the same division of labor as in the others—educational, comprising boarding and village schools, and evangelistic, under the care of twenty-three Bible-women, superintended by the ladies of the mission. The Oodooville school is said to find few parallels on missionary ground, and the progress of the past year fully sustains its previous reputation. At the beginning of the year \$5,000 was appropriated from our treasury for a new building, which has already gone up about four feet above the ground. Miss Townsend, who returned to Oodoopatty late in 1878, arrived in season to take charge of the school at the beginning of the new year. All but four of the younger pupils are now members of the church. Of the general state of this mission the American Board Report says: "There is no mission in which preparation seems to have been made more thoroughly than in this, for a great awakening of the Gospel. It is worthy of notice that the number of women who have been taken into the churches is much greater than in most of the missions of the Board—a beautiful testimony to the fidelity of the wives of missionaries and other women connected with the mission." An important addition has been made in this mission in the Misses Leitch, who left for Ceylon in October.

There has been little change in the FOOCHOW MISSION during the year, Mrs. Hartwell returning to Foochow, taking with her Miss Newton, a missionary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, and arriving the last of December, 1878. Soon after their arrival Miss Payson returned to the United States, for a season of well-earned rest. The girls' school has had an average attendance of twenty-nine. As the building was over-crowded it was thought best to send away some of the younger pupils, to make room for older and more promising

ones. Their attachment to the school is shown by their reluctance to leave, and their beseeching to be taken back.

The past year in the NORTH CHINA MISSION has been a most remarkable one. Through the relief furnished by the missionaries during the famine, hundreds of hearts and homes have been opened. Where, heretofore, the ladies of the mission have been obliged to seek places to visit, quite uncertain as to the welcome that would be received, they now have many more invitations than they can possibly accept; while their own houses have been so thronged that they have been obliged to shut out all except those who wish to hear the Gospel. A missionary writes: "We want it to be understood not only that this continental Empire of China, with its wilderness of men and women, is a fact, but that the great iron bar to its opening has been removed; that its massive gates are swung back for the entrance of Christianity; and that Gospel truth is beginning to leaven China. The magnificent opportunity for which the Church has been praying and looking and waiting so long, has come at length—an opportunity to send, not the few men we ask for, but to send them by scores, to undertake the conversion of this land, and to look for an early fulfillment of the prophecy which has been for centuries on the lips of the Church: 'And these from the land of Sinim.'"

JAPAN continues, as heretofore, to be a field of great interest. One of the most important events of the year has been the establishment of a new station at Okayama, where Miss Wilson has charge of the woman's work. The reception of the missionaries was quite remarkable, many special attentions being accorded them by government officials and other well-to-do Japanese. It is said to be doubtful if the history of modern missions can show a work of greater promise. The school at Kobe has continued as usual, constantly increasing, and mainly under the care of Miss Clarkson; while Misses Talcot and Gulick have found their time fully occupied in church and mission work in the city and surrounding towns. Miss Davis arrived in Kobe in the autumn, and is devoting herself to the language. In Osaka, the girls' school has been a great success. The Japanese Christians have erected a building for it entirely at their own expense—a thing never before known in the experience of the American Board. Our Board has appropriated \$1,000 for the accommodation of Misses Gouldy and Colby,

who are to have charge of the school. Miss Colby, who arrived at Osaka early in May, is reported as acquiring the language with remarkable facility, and entering heartily into her labors. She herself writes: "I am quite settled in my new home, and, instead of feeling among strangers in a strange land, I am in spirit truly at home." The girls in the Kiotō Home, through their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, are making marked progress in their studies. Some results of Gospel teaching in this city are shown in the touching story, just received, of the death of a sister of Mr. Neesima: "For the last three weeks of her life she seemed to be living in heaven; all her dreams, all her talk, was of heaven. Again and again did she wake with disappointment that she must come back to earth and stay a little longer. At last, the morning of the day she died, she woke in a transport of joy. The angels had told her that in a few hours they were coming to take her to the heavenly home. After a few hours more of joyous waiting, just as she had listened to the singing of a hymn she had long loved, she went away as peacefully as she had lived. At her burial the knolls and groves of the old Buddhist cemetery resounded with the notes of prayer and praise, for the first time during the thousand years of its existence."

In MICRONESIA, the churches are suffering from coldness and apathy, and from a struggle with intemperance, brought about by traders who have visited the island. Mrs. Pease writes: "We do praise the Lord for everything in the past, and that he has put upon us such honor as to let us work for him here. What we need more than anything else is a baptism of His spirit."

Our DAKOTA HOME is reported as more successful than ever before, with twenty-one boarders and about fifty day-scholars. It is now fully equipped with teachers, Misses Shepard, Webb and Paddock working harmoniously and efficiently together. Miss Webb returned to the Home in the autumn, after a brief visit to friends, as a regular missionary of our Board, the experiment of the previous year having proved most satisfactory to herself and the mission. Outside testimony to the good effect of the school is given in an article in the *New York Times*, whose correspondent accompanied Secretary Schurtz in his visit to the different Indian agencies, where the girls and women who have been educated in the Home are spoken of in marked contrast with their uneducated countrywomen.

The work in PAPAL LANDS has been constantly harassed by bitter enemies of the truth, who call themselves Christians—a sure evidence of success on the part of the mission. In Santander, Spain, the girls' school still holds its own, in spite of opposition. A society of Roman Catholic ladies, organized early in the history of the mission to counteract its effects, so far as possible, has been specially active. Mrs. Gulick writes: "With the exception of two or three cases, in which the position of the parent makes them in a measure independent of their neighbors, there is not a family represented in the school that has not been, and does not continue to be, constantly harassed by members of the Junta of Catholic ladies. They offer clothing for the children, free schooling for them in Catholic schools, and abundant work for their parents. Failing with these bribes, they use the inquisitorial means of inducing employers to take away from them their work. Our wonder, consequently, is not that the school is so small, but that, under the circumstances, there are so many parents who have the firmness and courage to continue sending us their children. The Misses Martinez, at Santander and Zaragossa, continue their efficient service.

In AUSTRIA the opposition has grown more and more intense, but the missionaries, who are almost bound hand and foot, so far as the work is concerned, are still hopeful and courageous. Mrs. Schaufler writes: "As long as God in his infinite mercy stays by us, even when all is black and dark, and cheers with the hope of the morning, we cannot and will not leave these souls. It is a mercy for which we cannot be grateful enough that He gives us faith to wait for his salvation. Notwithstanding many discouragements, however, there are individual instances of attachment and adherence to the right that are very cheering." The Krabschitz school, a most interesting institution under the care of Pastor Schubert, has now come under the support of our Board.

This, then, is the work of our Board—full of promise and inspiration and wonderful opportunities abroad; full of hope and satisfaction and hundred-fold reward, as well as labor and anxious thought at home. It seems a special favor to us, as Christian women, to be permitted to come into the work in just this latter half of the nineteenth century. To us is given to see the first flush of the glorious dawn—the harbinger of the approach

of the Sun of Righteousness, who shall flood the world with life and light and warmth. Like the traveler watching for the sunrise on some Alpine peak, we seem to be standing on a high mountain—whose ascent has been made easy by a century of the patient toil of other hands—gazing out on the heathen world just emerging from midnight darkness. Here and there we see a snow-capped peak growing brighter and brighter, as our God in his beauty rises toward their horizon, but the great mass of the people still lie in the darkness below. Even at the foot of the very mountain on which we stand, there are hundreds of Christian men and women who care not for the sights we see; who prefer “a little more sleep, a little more slumber, a little more folding of the hands to sleep.” Oh, that we might send forth a bugle-call from our mount of privilege, to-day, so loud, that every Christian woman in our churches should be roused and inspired to come up to where we stand, to share with us our joy and our reward, as well as our anxiety and our labor, while we wait for the time when all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

ABBIE B. CHILD, *Sec'y pro tem.*

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We verge closely on the first decade of our existence, but must reserve all that presses upon us, in view of so important a point in our history, until that date is reached.

During the year a new auxiliary has joined us at Fall's Church, Va., where a missionary meeting, after holding a long session, left but one regret—that it need to close!

Several mission circles have exerted themselves to raise their pledged money, by devices original and borrowed, with good success. The president has visited many of the societies in her vicinity, and by her counsel and experience encouraged them to greater effort.

A statement in *LIFE AND LIGHT*, so defining the field of the Philadelphia Branch as to include the Welsh Congregational churches in Pennsylvania, at first seemed impossible for us to carry out, but by consultation with the officers of the Woman's Board it was made to appear our filial duty. Correspondence has been opened with these churches, which we hope has been an entering wedge, by which the work may grow.

From Miss Proctor, we hear that her tours effect much good among the families in the country around Aintab, and secure new pupils for the school, so dear to us. Miss Góuldy works among the women in Osaka, and as she can now use the language fluently has held meetings in adjacent towns, God's blessing accompanying her words.

Our treasurer reports \$1,133.96; a sum so small that in our annual meeting many were moved, individually, to pledge more for another year.

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Although we cannot give a report of large numerical acces-sions in auxiliaries or mission circles, nor yet an overflowing treasury, beyond what has been before accomplished, we think we may say that the work has broadened and deepened in the hearts of those who have it in trust.

Never have demands been felt to be more urgent, or our individual responsibility greater; and, surely, never have the rewards been sweeter or more satisfying.

Our monthly meetings are held regularly, from October to June inclusive, with a good attendance, and much interest manifested. The annual county meetings are also a source of strength and refreshment to those who are able to participate in them, and who carry away with them their spirit and teachings to refresh yet other thirsting hearts.

The number of auxiliaries remains much the same as last year: the exceptions are, that two, on account of geographical position, have joined the Eastern Connecticut Branch; and, on the other hand, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Greenwich to our number. The past year has not been without its losses, by removal, of those upon whom we had been accustomed to lean. Two of these, Mrs. F. A. Noble and Mrs. G. B. Willcox, have found a home in Chicago, where we hear of their active participation in the work.

The treasurer's report last May for the preceding year amounted to \$8,136.19. That of the current year, as shown by present figures, will not materially differ from that. There have been sent to auxiliaries and mission circles copies from missionary letters and papers, from different sources, multiplied in all five hundred and twenty-seven times.

Our band of seven noble missionaries are all at their posts, and the reports they send, especially from Constantinople, Bulgaria and India, are most encouraging.

We still continue the support of sixteen Bible-women and four native teachers. Two of the latter fill, very nearly, the sphere of a missionary. We support six day schools in Turkey, besides aiding in the general expenses of the Kioto Home and school for the children of converts in Bombay. We have taken shares in the projected school-buildings in Oodooville, Ceylon and Bombay, and maintain seventy-seven scholarships in boarding-schools for training teachers and Bible-women in China, India, Turkey, Africa, Ceylon, Spain, and among the North American Indians.

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Life and growth have been manifest in many ways, during the past year. Sixteen organizations have been added to our number, making one hundred and six auxiliaries, and sixty-four mission circles. There has been more earnest, quiet work, a deeper, broader love for missions, a joyful turning of more children's feet into the places where busy fingers work from love to Jesus. The meetings of the year have been sustained with interest; the two State meetings bring times of refreshment from the presence of the Spirit, when the words "forward" and "go ye" took a new meaning. But that which will ever make the year most memorable, is the consecration of four young ladies, from one county, to the missionary service — the Misses Leitch, Miss Gleason, and Miss Chamberlain. We are humbled as we mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, in permitting us to make so priceless an offering. We recognize our own increased responsibility by reason of having these, who were given in childhood to this sacred work, who have grown up with us, go out as our representatives. May He who prompted the sacrifice, grant that all our homes may be filled with the sweet perfume which arises from these alabaster boxes broken at the Saviour's feet! We build our hope of their usefulness upon the spirit with which they write, believing that God will bless the efforts of those whose humble trust is in him alone.

One beloved vice-president, Mrs. M. P. Pritchard, whose love for the mission cause and ceaseless service for our Branch will long be missed, has been called to the heavenly city.

Our treasurer reports that \$4,018.55 have been contributed, from which the salaries of the Misses Ely, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Park and Miss Gardner, have been paid, several Bible-

women and four schools supported, seven scholarships sustained, and a sum left for the general fund of the Woman's Board.

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As we look back over the seven years since our organization, we can say, "The Lord hath been mindful of us," and Hope sings for the future, "He will bless us." From His gracious hand we accept these special tokens of favor as incentives to greater devotion, and pray for more love, more faith, to enter the doors he has opened before us.

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**BARTON:** "Willing Workers."

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**BENSON:** "Mission Circle."

**BRADFORD:** "Light Bearers."

**BRANDON:** "Cheerful Workers."

**BRIDPORT:** "Lakeside Gleaners."

**BURLINGTON:** "Misses' Mission Band."

**CAMBRIDGE:** "Merry Workers."

**CASTLETON:** "The Young Ladies' and Misses' Circle."

**CHARLOTTE:** "Mission Circle."

**CHELSEA:** "Grape Vine."

**CHESTER:** "Willing Hearts."

**COLCHESTER:** "The Cheerful Givers."

**CORNWALL:** "Young Ladies' Mission Circle."

**COVENTRY:** "Mission Circle."

**DANBY:** "Mountain Daisies."

**DERBY:** "Cheerful Workers."

**DORSET:** "Wake-Robins."

**EAST HARDWICK:** "Wayside Gleaners," "Band of Helpers."

**ESSEX:** "Flock of Dears."

**GREENSBORO:** "Little Rill."

**GUILDHALL:** "Little Sunbeams."

**HINESBURGH:** "The May-flowers."

**LOWER WATERFORD:** "Lilies of the Valley."

LUDLOW: "Young People's Mission Circle."

LUNENBURG: "Mountain Rills."

LYNDONVILLE: "Busy Bees," "Honest Workers."

MANCHESTER: "Mountain Reapers."

MCINDOES FALLS: "A Cup of Cold Water."

MIDDLEBURY: "Young Peoples' Missionary Society."

MILTON: "Happy Workers."

MONTPELIER: "Busy Bees," "Willing Workers."

NEWBURY: "Beacon Lights."

NEW HAVEN: "Munger Band."

NEWPORT: "Cheerful Workers."

NORTH CRAFTSBURY: "Mountain Flowers."

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PAWLET: "Merry Gleaners."

PEACHAM: "Young Ladies' Missionary Society."

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ST. JOHNSBURY, EAST: "The Young Ladies' Missionary Society."

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UNDERHILL: "Mission Circle."

WALLINGFORD: "Mission Circle."

WATERBURY: "Band of Faith," "The May-flowers."

WELLS RIVER: "Young Ladies' Mission Circle."

WESTFORD: "Westford Workers."

WEST GLOVER: "Mission Circle."

WESTMINSTER: "Mission Circle."

WESTMINSTER WEST: "Westminster West Mission Band."  
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The eleventh year of our organization as a Society, and the sixth as a Branch, closed in October last. It has not been, in most respects, a marked one.

During its course the Branch has suffered bereavement in the death of Mrs. S. H. Nickerson, of the Beneficent, and Mrs. P. O. Johnson, of the Free, Church. Their loss will long be felt by the societies of which they have been members; and we can only pray that their self-sacrificing spirit may inspire those who take up the work their faithful hands laid down.

The earnest hope of the Branch that it would this year include all the Congregational churches in the State, is still hope unfulfilled. One new and zealous auxiliary formed in Woonsocket, reduces to five the number of unrepresented churches; but there is cause to fear that some societies now on the list will soon become extinct, so great are the difficulties against which they contend. On the other hand stands the encouraging fact of

renewed activity in some mission circles that have been passing through a time of weakness and depression. Some of these have been efficient in raising money by festivals and other means, and in preparing boxes of clothing for missionary families.

Contributions for the year, notwithstanding the heavy pressure of home obligations upon some of the churches, amount to \$3,567.16. The appropriations remain as heretofore, with the addition of a scholarship in the Constantinople Home.

Meetings, quarterly and annual, have been of more than usual interest; at the annual meeting a larger attendance than ever before was present; in them all the burden of desire and prayer now is, that in our own homes some one may be found called of God to represent Rhode Island in the field. For this, many of the societies are offering special prayer, remembering that even, when *two* agree on earth as touching one thing, they shall ask what they will and it shall be done.

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We are glad to be able to report progress in Maine in our home work during the past year. Interest has been aroused throughout the State by missionary meetings held in the different counties. These meetings have lasted for a whole day, many interesting papers have been read, and at the collation, which has been served at noon, an opportunity has been given for earnest talk between those who wished to learn, and those who were glad to impart what they had learned. The results of these meetings have been most gratifying. In one county not only was a feeble auxilliary revived, but three new ones were formed, as a direct consequence of the meeting. When, a month after, the annual meeting of the Branch was held in a neighboring village, at least thirty ladies were present from the town where the county meeting had been held, showing that its influence was still felt.

Another great inspiration to us has been the sending out a missionary from our own State to the Constantinople Home—Miss Clara Hamlin, a daughter of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, so long known for his missionary labors. What may we not hope from her, born on missionary ground, loving the work, and going back joyfully to the field her father has left? May his mantle fall upon her!

Last year it was decided to send a box of clothing to our missionaries at Umzumbi, Africa, and the auxiliaries were asked to contribute. So much interest was taken in the matter, and such liberal gifts were sent to the committee during the winter, that two barrels were found necessary to contain the whole. The aid was the more needed by the ladies at Umzumbi, since some boxes previously sent them by friends at home had all been lost at sea.

We find that our numbers are increasing, since we have added, during the year, seven new auxiliaries and ten mission circles, making seventy-five auxiliaries and forty-six mission circles in all. Receipts for the year, \$3,028.78. Our work remains the same—the schools at Mardin, Bardesag and Umzumbi, with now the support of Miss Hamlin.

In reviewing our year's work we see cause for rejoicing and hopefulness. May He who has helped us so far lead us on to far greater usefulness in his service!

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The New Hampshire Branch is glad to report an increasing interest in mission work.

At the formation of our Branch, six years ago, we could count only twenty-one auxiliaries and five or six mission circles; now we can report one hundred and one auxiliaries and fifty mission circles—twelve auxiliaries and five mission circles having been organized during the past year.

Our annual meeting, in October, held in Nashua, was of unusual interest. Mrs. Barnes brought greetings from the Woman's Board, and gave an interesting account of some of the new teachers destined for foreign fields.

We continue the support of Miss S. F. Norris, M. D., having, the past year, appropriated \$1,500 for the enlargement of her dispensary.

This year we pledge the support of Miss Margaret Leitch, of Ceylon, and of Mrs. Dr. Schneider, of Constantinople.

We have rejoiced at the success of some of our mission circles, for we are convinced of the great importance of bringing our young people into active sympathy with this branch of church work.

We have received during the year, from auxiliaries and mission circles, \$3,721.75; from legacies, \$2,157.80.

We hope this year to find an increased effort on the part of everyone to do something to awaken an interest in those who, by their indifference, seem to ask, "Why should *we* give to foreign missions?" May each one be ready to answer from the heart, "Because it is such a blessed privilege so to do, and God condescends to accept our offerings and give a rich reward." Will not the women in our churches this year avail themselves of this great privilege? Let no woman who loves the Saviour, delay to do something to save those for whom he died. Let officers of societies be in earnest; let collectors be faithful, and bring the call to the hearts of all those who should give; let each member do something to make every missionary meeting a success; and, above all, let the year just entered upon be a year of prayer and consecration — prayer not only for our missionaries and the success of their labors abroad, but for ourselves, also, that we may more heartily push forward the work at home.

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BATH: "Excelsior."

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CLAREMONT: "Merry Workers," Miss E. W. Goddard, Directress.

CONCORD: North Church, "Wheeler Circle and Helpers," Mrs. F. D. Ayer, Pres.; Miss Gertrude Ayer, Sec'y; Miss Ida Bunker, Treas.

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DERRY: "May-flower Mission Band."

DOVER: "Busy Bees."

DUNBARTON: "Hillside Laborers."

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**HAMPSTEAD:** "Willing Workers."

**HAMPTON:** "Mizpah Circle," Miss Josie Rowand, Miss Flora E. Taylor, Miss Isabel Cole, Directresses.

**HANOVER:** "Faithful Workers."

**HAVERHILL:** "East India Company."

**HOLLIS:** "Pansy Circle," Mrs. Alfred Farley, Pres.; Mrs. S. M. Spaulding, Sec'y; Miss S. Lizzie Heywood, Treas.

**HOPKINTON:** "Cheerful Workers."

**KEENE:** "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," "Foreign Land Association," "Missionary Garden," Mrs. S. D. Osborne, Mrs. Charles Wright, Miss Gilmore, Directresses.

**LANCASTER:** "White Mountain Gleaners."

**LEBANON:** "Mission Circle," Miss Alice Peck, Pres.; Miss Alice Wood, Sec'y and Treas.

**LEBANON, WEST:** "Mission Band."

**LYME:** "Mission Circle," Mrs. S. A. Kingsbury, Pres.; Master Philip Bickford, Sec'y; Miss Alice G. Churchill, Treas.

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**MONT VERNON:** "Buds of Promise," Master Martin Brown, Pres.; Miss Lulu Trevitt, Sec'y; Miss Ida Kittredge, Treas.

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**NEW BOSTON:** "Mizpah Circle," Mrs. G. A. Wason, Pres.; Miss Ella Farley, Vice-Pres.; Miss Lora Marden, Sec'y and Treas.

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**PLYMOUTH:** "Mission Circle."

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There comes a time in the history of almost every organization when, if the facts concerning it should be presented independently of the circumstances which produced them, the verdict in regard to its condition would be—surely retrograding.

The Springfield Branch has to confront just such facts this year; as the falling off not only in its receipts, but in the number of its mission circles, would indicate a declension in interest. We doubt not that a fuller comprehension of the needs and opportunities of the missionary work, in all its departments, would have wrought out different and more favorable results; as we cannot, for one moment, admit the possibility of a turning back from a work which is so dear to the Saviour's heart.

But even the apparently unfavorable indications are less serious than they seem; for a scarcity of competent leaders, and the fact that some of the mission circles which were organized in the interest of the foreign work have, with new leaders, diverted the funds to other purposes, have been the principal reason for whatever falling off there has been in that direction.

Some of the larger auxiliaries have contributed less than last year; but the gifts from our smaller ones, and their growth in interest, have been much in advance.

We are constantly receiving accessions to our membership, and feel sure that the work is taking a firmer hold of the hearts of all those actively engaged in it.

The increase in the attendance of our young ladies upon our monthly meetings we regard as a specially hopeful feature. We have, however, felt shorn of our strength since our president has been, by ill health, numbered among those who "stand and wait," and the carrying on of the Branch work without her efficient leadership has been no easy task.

We number fifty organizations, twenty-seven auxiliaries, and twenty-three mission circles. Our receipts for the year, ending Nov. 15th, were \$2,768.66.

Our missionaries, four in number, stationed in Japan, Turkey and Micronesia, report cheering progress in their several fields.

Our views of the importance of our school at Talas have been greatly enlarged, by the statements made relative to it by Mrs. Bartlett, while here.

We support, also, a Bible-reader in India, and pupils in other schools. In the gift of Miss Colby, our new missionary to Japan, we feel that we have been highly favored, and are confident

that a noble work will be given her to accomplish for Christ there.

We have looked forward with great hopefulness to this occasion, feeling assured that the meeting of the Board with us would result in a higher appreciation of the blessed privilege of sending the "Bread of life" to those who have it not, and a deeper consecration to this divinely-appointed work.

MRS. J. L. SHIPLEY, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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**CHICOPEE:** Third Church, "Busy Bees."

**HAMPDEN:** "Humming Birds."

**HOLYOKE:** Second Church, "Merry Workers."

**LONGMEADOW, EAST:** "Young Disciples."

**LUDLOW:** "Precious Pearls."

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**SPRINGFIELD:** Memorial Church, "Little Helpers," "Young Ladies' Guild."

**SPRINGFIELD:** Olivet Church, "Olive Branch."

**SPRINGFIELD:** South Church, "Wide-Awakes," "Young Ladies' Mission Circle."

**SPRINGFIELD:** Indian Orchard, "Pleasure Seekers."

**THORNDIKE:** "Willing Hands."

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With devout gratitude the Hartford Branch would record the goodness and mercy that have followed it during the year. The Branch sustained a severe loss in the removal, by death, of its loved and honored president, and for a season clouds and darkness seemed to surround us. We felt that we could not go on; but God has been better to us than our fears, and by his blessing we are able to report a very successful year's work. Our annual meeting was held in October, and was of marked interest. The feeling of all present was, not only that enthusiasm in the cause of missions had greatly increased, but that it was a season of great spiritual quickening, and, we may hope, of practical and permanent value. We numbered thirty-seven auxiliaries and twenty-nine mission circles—an increase of seven of the former and six of the latter over last year.

Our treasurer reported quite an advance in the receipts. Reports from our auxiliaries and mission circles show a growing interest. We feel that the children are being educated to love the work, and we earnestly hope that some of our young ladies will hear a personal call to them to engage in the foreign work.

We deeply regret the removal to another station of our loved home secretary, Mrs. Williams; but her love for the work, and her devotion to the cause, which so evidently lies nearest her heart, will make her a great blessing wherever she goes. So, bidding her Godspeed, we console ourselves that what is our loss will be others' gain.

In looking over our work we feel that we have every reason to thank God and take courage; and we enter upon the labors of another year earnestly hoping that the interest may be deepened, and that a great number of those who have hitherto had no show in woman's work for woman, may feel it a precious privilege to do what they can to carry out the Saviour's great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

ANNIE E. SANBORNE, *Rec: Sec'y.*

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**HAMPTON:** Miss Nellie Holt, Treas.

**HARTFORD:** Asylum Hill, "Bee Hive," Miss Margaret Blythe, Pres.

**HARTFORD:** Center Church, "Little Dorcas Mission," Mrs. A. F. Eggleston, Pres.; Miss Emily Brace, Sec'y; Miss Hattie Day, Treas.

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The Eastern Connecticut Branch is grateful to report seven auxiliaries and four mission circles gained during the past year. This accession, larger than in any previous twelvemonth, raises our number of societies to forty-three. Branch meetings have been held more frequently than hitherto, with the hope of reaching churches which may become centers of influence. The cordiality of welcome extended to us proves a warm love for the cause. We have added one missionary to our list, thus bringing the most eastern station of Turkey within the circle of our special sympathy and prayers.

The treasurer's report shows receipts somewhat in advance of pledges.

We seek for "wisdom profitable to direct" to new methods of awakening interest and increasing means, that we may share the enlarged work now opening before the Woman's Board of Missions — remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "The *branch* cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the *vine*."

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The New York Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, at Boston, now numbers one hundred and five auxiliaries—an increase of fifteen during the year. Thirty-one of these are mission circles.

Our fourth annual meeting was held in Canandaigua, in October, with one of our new auxiliaries, but one that has taken a place in the front rank of efficient, energetic effort. From reports then made, it is evident that our Branch has made gratifying progress the past year. In addition to our increase in members, our treasurer reported that our contributions exceed those of last year by \$782.48. In the words of one who was present at our meeting, "We find another advance not represented by either members or dollars—the increase of confidence in ourselves and in one another; the strengthening of bonds of sympathy and interest; the acquiring of ability to express the ideas which contact kindles in the minds of those hitherto bound by the letter of Paul's ordinance."

The entire session was full of interest, and the feeling was universal that this was the best annual meeting yet held. The addresses were inspiring, and the papers read were thoughtful, and added interest to the meeting. Coming so soon after the session of the American Board at Syracuse, we still felt the glow of that meeting, and we expect to find the seed sown there springing up and bearing fruit during the year to come.

Our pecuniary promises for last year have all been redeemed, and we enter upon another with some increased pledges,—one of our associations, the Ontario, having assumed the support of Miss Proctor,—with gratitude for the past and trust for the future, happy in the thought that it is God's work and he will bless all faithful effort.

MRS. J. C. HOLBROOK.

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 GLOVERSVILLE: "Mission Circle."  
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 LOCKPORT: "Cheerful Helpers."  
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 RODMAN: "Willing Workers."  
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At this recurrence of the anniversary season of the Woman's Board,—so delightful to many, many hearts,—as the steps taken the past few months are for a moment retraced, we feel there is abundant occasion to look to "Him who careth for us," in humble gratitude for the degree of interest and prosperity attendant upon our way.

The work has progressed with a steady and encouraging growth; and the reports of our seven district secretaries are suggestive of increased devotion to, and interest in, the cause of missions.

The past year has given us four new auxiliaries and three mission circles; which makes our number of auxiliaries thirty-six, and mission circles thirty.

The usual meetings, four in number, have been held, and been a source of great delight and inspiration. Memories of our interesting September gathering will long remain with us, as well as of our annual meeting in December, when Mrs. Sheffield, of North China, Mrs. Richardson, of Turkey, and Miss Child were with us.

The annual report of the treasurer shows our contribution to be \$3,174.20. In addition to this, twenty-two ladies have their names enrolled as life-members of the Board.

We are happy that one soon goes forth as a laborer into the harvest who has been so recently among us, and who has endeared herself to our Branch by the faithful discharge of official duties and her ever-glowing enthusiasm and earnestness in the work of missions. Our prayer is that the signal blessing of Heaven may follow our late secretary, and make her an instrument of turning many from darkness to the glorious light and liberty of the sons of God.

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## MISSION CIRCLES.

**A**THOL: "Juvenile Missionary Society."  
**C**LINTON: "Clinton Workers."  
**F**ITCHBURG: C. C. Church, "Mission Circle."  
**F**ITCHBURG: Rollstone Church, "Mission Circle."  
**G**RAFTON: "Hillside Workers."  
**H**UBBARDSTON: "Mission Circle."  
**L**EICESTER: "Strawberry Hill Gleaners."  
**L**EOMINSTER: "Earnest Workers."  
**M**ILFORD: "Busy Bee."  
**M**ILLBURY: Second Church, "Light Bearers."  
**N**ORTH BROOKFIELD: "June Workers."  
**N**ORTH LEOMINSTER: "Willing Workers."  
**O**XFORD: "Lambs of the Flock."  
**R**YALSTON: "Mission Band."  
**S**HREWSBURY: "Lights on the Hill."  
**S**OUTHBIDGE: "Messengers of Joy," "Riverside Mission Circle."  
**S**PENCER: "Hillside Workers," "Riverside Helpers," "Mission Circle."  
**W**ARREN: "We Girls."  
**W**ESTBORO: "Willing Helpers."  
**W**HITINSVILLE: "Merry Gleaners," "Little Sunbeams."  
**W**INCHENDON: "Busy Bees."  
**W**ORCESTER: Union Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle."  
**W**ORCESTER: Central Church, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle."  
**W**ORCESTER: Piedmont Church, "Cheerful Workers."  
**W**ORCESTER: Old South Church, "The May-flowers."

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LIFE MEMBERS MADE THROUGH THE BRANCH IN  
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MRS. M. E. AIKEN, Greenfield.

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## Auditor.

REV. A. G. LOOMIS, Greenfield.

The Franklin County Branch has been in existence nearly four years. We support Miss Sarah E. Sears in Turkey, and are in constant correspondence with her. One new auxiliary has been formed during the year, making fourteen in the county. The quarterly meetings have been well attended and have been of increasing interest, although we have had no missionary present at any meeting.

Rev. Lyndon Crawford, son of the President of the Deerfield Auxiliary, has been sent with his wife as missionary to Turkey, by the A. B. C. F. M. Our financial year closes in May, therefore I give no report closing with 1879.

MRS. MARY E. AIKEN, Cor. Sec'y.

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WHATELEY: Miss M. E. W. Allis, Pres.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

ASHFIELD: "We Girls."

BERNARDSTON: "Cup-Bearers."

GREENFIELD: "Mission Circle."

SHELBYNE FALLS: "Mission Circle."

SUNDERLAND: "Wayside Gleaners," and "Busy Bees."

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#### LIFE MEMBERS MADE THROUGH THE BRANCH IN 1879.

Miss Sarah P. Kellogg. | Miss Julia A. Williams.

## REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH.

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MISS I. G. CLARK, Northampton.

## Auditor.

\*REV. GORDON HALL, Northampton.

\* Deceased.

The Hampshire Branch has added one new auxiliary and one mission circle to its working force, during the year, making the number of societies at present twenty-one, and of circles seven; two of those reported last year having disbanded, in consequence of the ill-health of the ladies who had them in charge.

From the reports of these auxiliaries, presented at our annual meeting, we find cause of thankfulness for the past, and confidence for the future, of our Branch work.

Most of our societies report themselves as sustaining monthly meetings, where sometimes the many, but more frequently the few, meet to keep alive, or kindle to a brighter flame their zeal for the missionary cause. This, we think, speaks well for the earnestness of those few individuals who, among the scattered neighborhoods of our mountain towns, must be responsible for their support.

Our Branch meetings, of which we have had four, have been occasions of deep interest; and as we have listened to the earnest words of missionaries home from the foreign field, we have felt it indeed an honor and a high privilege to be permitted to be co-workers with our blessed Master in carrying the light of life to those who sit in darkness.

Our contributions for the year are reported by our treasurer to have amounted to \$1,886.91.

From this we have paid the salary of our missionary in Japan, discharged our pledges of aid to various schools and pupils in India and Turkey, sent a donation to the Kioto Home, and supported one Bible-reader. The balance has gone into the general fund.

During the year we have been frequently reminded, by the sudden deaths among our numbers, that what we do must be done quickly; and in the death of Dr. Hall, of Northampton, our Branch has been called to mourn the loss of a faithful officer and a most warm-hearted and earnest friend.

MISS E. B. HINCKLEY, Sec'y.

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**AMHERST:** Mrs. A. I. Cooper, Pres.; Mrs. J. H. Seelye, Vice-Pres.; Miss Sabra Snell, Sec'y; Mrs. M. A. Allen, Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

**AMHERST:** "Mission Circle."

**EASTHAMPTON:** "Little Emily M. Circle."

**GRANBY:** "Willing Workers."

**HATFIELD:** "Gleaners."

**HUNTINGTON HILL:** "Mission Circle."

**SOUTHAMPTON:** "Light Bearers."

**WESTHAMPTON:** "Mission Circle."

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#### LIFE MEMBERS MADE THROUGH THE BRANCH IN 1879.

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## REPORT OF THE NORFOLK CONFERENCE BRANCH.

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REV. T. A. EMERSON, Braintree.

The Norfolk Conference Branch has, during the year, enlarged its borders. The Pilgrim Conference Association having been advised by the Woman's Board of Missions to unite with this Branch, at a quarterly meeting held in July the union was formed. The Branch now numbers twenty auxiliaries and thirteen mission circles.

We can report three new mission circles formed since our annual meeting in April. One circle, "The May-flower," which has been recently formed in Marshfield, is composed of members nearly all of whom are descended from the Pilgrims; five of the girls have just united with the church, and several others are hopeful converts. Quarterly meetings have been held regularly during the year. Our annual gathering this year was one of marked interest, all our auxiliary societies and mission circles sending us favorable reports. The Branch has continued its work in the foreign field the same as last year, the support of Mrs. Chandler, in Pulney, India; Miss Morris, in Inanda, South Africa; a pupil at Marsovan, and one at the Dakota Home. We have felt that Mrs. Chandler has needed our united prayers and sympathy this year, in the great losses which she has sustained, especially in the loss of her daughter, Etta, who was such a help to her in her daily duties. Mrs.

Chandler's letters are always full of trust in Him whom she believes "doeth all things well."

We cannot, at this time, give a definite report of our receipts for the present year, as our financial year closes in April.

Our treasurer reported at our last annual meeting, \$834.39 as the amount of our contributions for the preceding year.

As in "union there is strength," may we not, the coming year, gain in strength of purpose and in greater devotion to this cause, having more faith in God as we take up the work he has given us to do.

L. L. SMITH, Sec'y.

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WEYMOUTH, NORTH: First Church, Mrs. F. P. Chapin, Pres.; Miss Mary F. Loud, Sec'y and Treas.

WEYMOUTH, NORTH: Pilgrim Church, Mrs. George Dodson, Pres.; Miss Mary R. Thomas, Sec'y and Treas.

WEYMOUTH AND BRAINTREE: Mrs. L. H. Frary, Pres.; Miss L. C. Pratt, Sec'y. Miss Helen Rhines, Treas.

WEYMOUTH, SOUTH: Mrs. M. L. Littlefield, Pres.; Mrs. C. R. Waterman, Sec'y and Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

ABINGTON: "King's Messengers."

ABINGTON, NORTH: "Merry Workers."

EASTON: "Workers for Jesus."

HINGHAM: "Money Plants."

MARSHFIELD: "May-Flowers."

PLYMOUTH: "Mary Allerton."

ROCKLAND: "Mission Band."

SOUTH BRAINTREE.

WEYMOUTH FIRST CHURCH: "Wide-awake Workers."

WEYMOUTH, NORTH: "Pilgrim Gleaners."

WEYMOUTH, SOUTH: "Union Church Circle."

WEYMOUTH AND BRAINTREE: "Union Church Willing Workers."

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#### REPORT OF THE WOBURN CONFERENCE BRANCH.

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**Auditor.**

MR. J. H. TYLER, Winchester.

The territory covered by the Woburn Conference Branch is so narrow, and its work so small when compared with the field and work of other Branches, that we have need of forbearance as we bring the record of the past year. And yet, in view of the end desired by the Woman's Board,—the establishment of an auxiliary in every church of our order under its jurisdiction, and the union of all in one body for the carrying forward of the great work that has been given them to do,—even our small part in its accomplishment becomes important.

Three new mission circles have been formed within our Branch during the year,—“Silver Bells” and “Mission Knights,” in Medford, and the “Hancock Mission Circle,” in Lexington,—and one which has had only a name to live has become extinct, making our present number of organizations twenty-six.

Of the twenty-one churches within our limits, there are five in which there is no auxiliary or mission circle, but in two of these steps have already been taken toward organizing; while we are happy to believe that in all of them there is more or less interest in our special work, and that it will not be long before all will be ready to bear their part in it.

The increasing interest among our auxiliaries in the present method of working is very gratifying. At the time of our organization — June, 1877 — we encountered a difficulty which the Branches more remote from Boston probably have not met with. The question was asked, and the remark made by many, “What is the need of having a new society? We can attend all the meetings of the Woman's Board in Boston, and prefer to retain our closer connection with that, and continue, as we have hitherto done, to make our contributions directly to the treasurer at the Congregational House.”

But we are glad to report that the wisdom of the plan is becoming apparent to all our auxiliaries, and that, without any exception, their contributions are now made through our treasurer, while all feel a greater personal responsibility for, and interest in, the work, and a closer bond of sympathy unites us as churches.

Three meetings have been held during the year,—two in connection with the Woburn Conference, and the annual meeting in

June,— when interesting addresses were made by Mrs. Mellen, of Africa, and Mrs. Schneider, of Turkey.

Our receipts the past year amount to \$1,505.26,— a gain of \$100.26 over the previous year, and \$342.26 over the year 1877,— and have been appropriated as follows:—

To the support of Miss Washburn, in Marsovan, Mrs. Wm. Gulick, in Spain, and Miss Shepard, in the Dakota Mission; also, to one native teacher in the Constantinople Home, two schools in Turkey, two scholarships in the Ceylon and Eastern Turkey Missions, one Bible-reader at Madura, one share in the Dispensary at Bombay, and \$79.28 to the Kioto Home.

Some who were very active among us have been called, during the year, from the earthly to the heavenly service. Among our most precious legacies was "The Baby's Money." From the same mother, not long ago, the sacred money from the little bank of her dead baby was sent us, and on the death of their second little one, the gift in its behalf was not withheld from the Lord's treasury.

May we all be anointed with a spirit of consecration so complete, that, like the Macedonian churches which Paul held up as an example to the church at Corinth, we shall not need such urgent appeals as have recently came to us from the Committee in Boston, to "enlarge our views and increase our liberality;" but, being willing of ourselves, we shall provide liberal things for the enlightenment of those who are sitting in darkness, and deem it a privilege that we may share in the ministering to the saints.

MRS. C. R. BLISS.

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#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

**BEDFORD:** Mrs. George E. Lovejoy, Pres.; Mrs. Charles Lunt, Sec'y; Mrs. William Mudge, Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

**BILLERICA:** "Willing Workers," Miss Alice R. Harding, Pres.; Arthur Blodgett, Vice-Pres.; Miss Emily Hazen, Sec'y; Miss Jessie Underhill, Treas.

**LEXINGTON:** "Hancock Mission Circle," Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, Pres.; Mrs. D. W. Muzzey, Vice-Pres.; Miss Fannie E. Baker, Sec'y and Treas.; Miss S. Augusta Adams, Ass't Treas.

**MALDEN:** "Star Circle," Miss D. E. Bailey, Pres.; Miss Nellie Wellman, Vice-Pres.; Miss Ina Shepherd, Sec'y; Miss Abbie Caldwell, Treas.

**MEDFORD:** "McCollom Mission Circle," Miss Ida M. Govan, Pres.; Miss Nellie A. Burridge, Vice-Pres.; Miss Carrie B. Dutton, Sec'y; Miss Fannie A. Nickerson, Treas.

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### REPORT OF THE BERKSHIRE BRANCH.

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In reviewing the work of the past year, the Berkshire Branch finds much cause for encouragement. While any gift of service, laid at the Master's feet, must seem small, whether measured by the Divine standard of giving,—the gift of God's only and well-beloved Son,—or by the unutterable need of souls perishing for lack of the knowledge of him, we yet rejoice in the honor and privilege of bringing any token of love to him who accepts us not merely in what we have accomplished, but in what we have attempted and desired for him.

During the year our work has taken a deeper hold of the hearts of many Christians, and now occupies a far more honorable place in the esteem of our people than ever before. Two auxiliaries and two mission circles have been added to our number; making in all twenty auxiliaries and ten mission circles. The Branch has continued its work in the foreign field, as pledged last year, and has assumed in addition the salary of Mrs. Ellen Baird, Monastir, European Turkey, the support of the Girls' School, Tungcho, Northern China, and of three Bible-readers and two scholarships. Our whole work in the foreign field is as follows:—

The salaries of Emma Ogden, M.D., Sholapoor, India, and Mrs. Baird, European Turkey; the support of the Girls' School, Tungcho, China; four Bible-readers, two in Turkey, one in India and one in Ceylon; and seven scholarships in various schools. The whole amount of pledged work is \$1,452. At our annual meeting, held in June, the treasurer reported the receipts of the year at \$1,973.42—a gain of \$980.45 over those of the preceding year.

We have held three Branch meetings during the year. These

have been times of deep interest and spiritual quickening, and the promise of the Divine presence has been verified to us. At our October meeting we were gladdened by the presence of our beloved missionary, Miss Ogden, who had unexpectedly returned from India. While regretting the failing health that compelled her to leave, for a season, her loved work, we yet feel that she has brought to us the help and impulse needed, and we rejoice for her that even in the time of weakness, she is permitted to do good work for the Lord.

Most of the auxiliaries hold monthly meetings. Our societies are, perhaps without exception, well organized and in good working order, and we have all become more accustomed to the duties and responsibilities of our work. We have four more societies not yet formally connected with the Branch.

We pause reverently as we enter on the work of another year, feeling as never before our dependence on our Divine Lord for guidance, for a humble and docile spirit, and for a truer consecration to Him in whatever work he has for us to do. Never since our Branch was formed was there such need of earnest, persistent prayer for the Divine Spirit, that, putting aside self and every worldly motive, we may come more and more into sympathy with Christ in his intense love for the souls of men. Only thus, having begun well, will it be given us to carry on our work with joy—a comfort to you all, a blessing to those for whom we labor, and a crown of rejoicing to Him who condescends to be honored by the service and praise of his children.

LISSIE A. MORLEY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

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**PITTSFIELD:** First Church, Mrs. J. C. West, Pres.; Mrs. S. B. Morley, Mrs. S. N. Russell, Vice-Pres'ts; Mrs. Henry Chickering, Sec'y; Miss Fannie Wilson, Treas.

**PITTSFIELD:** South Church, S. M. Frissell, M.D., Pres.; Mrs. A. A. Russell, Vice-Pres.; Miss Belle Dunham, Sec'y; Miss M. H. Lamberson, Treas.

**SOUTH EGREMONT:** Mrs. H. G. North, Pres.; Mrs. Almon Smith, Sec'y; Mrs. Dalzell, Jr., Treas.

**STOCKBRIDGE:** Miss M. A. Brewer, Pres.; Mrs. H. S. Sears, Vice-Pres.; Miss L. T. Strong, Sec'y; Miss M. A. Carter, Treas.

**WILLIAMSTOWN:** First auxiliary, Mrs. A. C. Sewall, Pres.; Miss Ellen Mills, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. L. C. Lincoln, Sec'y; Mrs. Griffin, Treas.

**WILLIAMSTOWN:** "In His Name" Society, Miss Katherine Mather, Pres.; Miss E. M. Chadbourne, Miss S. Hopkins, Vice-Pres'ts; Miss L. H. Egleston, Cor. Sec'y; Miss Jennie B. Smith, Home Sec'y; Miss Jessie Cole, Treas.

## MISSION CIRCLES.

DALTON: "Penny Gatherers."  
 HINSDALE: "Mountain Rill."  
 HOOSATONIC: "Berkshire Workers."  
 LEE: "Willing Workers."  
 MIDDLEFIELD: "Mission Circle."  
 MONTEREY: "Happy Workers."  
 PITTSFIELD: First Church, "Snowflakes;" "Little Mission  
 Helpers."  
 PITTSFIELD: South Church, "Little Helpers."  
 SOUTH EGREMONT: "Buds of Promise."

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 IN 1879.

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## REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX BRANCH.

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## Auditor.

LEONARD WINCH, NATICK.

The Middlesex Branch we think can report progress during the past year, the second since our organization as a Branch.

One new auxiliary has been added, also one mission circle, making fifteen auxiliaries and thirteen mission circles. Nearly all of these societies report increased interest during the year.

An effort has been made to organize an auxiliary in the churches that have none. There are only four churches that have neither auxiliary or mission circle, and we hope soon to be able to report one or both in each.

Two Branch meetings have been held during the year,—one in Concord and one in Holliston,—both well attended and made interesting by addresses from Mrs. Schneider and a paper from Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, with exercises by the children of both places.

At Concord the plan was proposed of sending a box to our missionary, Miss Rendall, filled with little articles to be used as gifts or prizes to the children in the schools under her care.

Eleven of our missionary societies responded to the suggestion, and on Sept. 24th the articles were packed at the Mission Rooms in Boston, and started on their way to India. We hope they reached their destination in season to carry Christmas messages of love and greeting to many little Hindu children.

The variety of articles sent is too large to be specified. A few, however, may be mentioned to show that they were such as would be attractive to the children. They consisted of sewing materials of every variety, cards, mottoes and illuminated texts, toys, bright-colored prints, beads, picture scrap-books, work-bags, etc., etc. Many of these were given by the children of our mission circles, and we know that if these gifts could speak, some would tell tales not only of interest in the heathen, but of earnest love for the Master, leading even to self-denial for him.

One young lady, long confined with illness, employed her leisure hours in making articles for the box, and the first walk she took was to carry her gifts. One of the donors was a child who has never walked, but whose nimble fingers are always ready to work for Jesus. A dear little girl, in the spirit of true self-denial, sent one of her most valued treasures. Still another of the Lord's little ones asked, as she added her gift, if this box of presents would help to make the heathen children love Jesus (Margie Cowan, of Wellesley, who died in November, 1879, aged three years).

The plan of mutual visitation between some of our auxiliaries, has been tried with success, adding much to the pleasure and profit of the meetings.

A collection of missionary letters and original papers of interest has been commenced by one of our secretaries, for the use of the different societies and the Branch, which any one can have by sending for them.

One of our societies supports a pupil in the Dakota Home, and another makes contributions to the same Home and supports a Chinese school-girl. One supports a Bible-woman at Ahmed-nuggur. Our Branch pays the salary of Miss Etta Rendall, of India.

We think our contributions will reach as large an amount as last year, as our year closes in June, and we have already received \$950.75.

MRS. MARY A. PELOUBET, *Home Sec'y.*

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#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

CONCORD: Mrs. H. M. Grout, Pres.; Miss Mary Monroe, Sec'y and Treas.

DOVER: Mrs. C. T. Norton, Pres.; Mrs. Pearse Pinch, Sec'y; Mrs. P. A. Chickering, Treas.

FRAMINGHAM: Mrs. Joseph Mann, Pres.; Mrs. Geo. W. Bigelow, Vice-Pres.; Miss S. Rebecca Eaton, Sec'y and Treas.

HOLLISTON: Mrs. G. M. Adams, Pres.; Mrs. John Allen, Sec'y; Mrs. F. F. Fiske, Treas.

LINCOLN: Mrs. H. J. Richardson, Pres.; Miss Julia A. Bemis, Sec'y; Miss Mary Susan Rice, Treas.

MARLBORO: Mrs. John Willard, Pres.; Mrs. S. Bucklin, Sec'y; Miss O. A. Brigham, Treas.

MAYNARD: Mrs. C. H. Milliken, Pres.; Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Sec'y; Mrs. Thomas Wouldhave, Treas.

NATICK: Mrs. Mary A. Peloubet, Pres.; Mrs. Edward Walcott, Sec'y and Treas.

SAXONVILLE: Mrs. Samuel Bell, Pres.; Miss Martha Bailey, Sec'y; Mrs. G. W. Webster, Treas.

SOUTHBORO: Mrs. M. P. Clifford, Sec'y; Miss E. D. Johnson, Treas.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM: Mrs. R. L. Day, Pres.; Miss Ellen Lloyd, Sec'y; Mrs. T. L. Barber, Treas.

SOUTH NATICK: Mrs. Margaret White, Pres.; Miss Susan Winch, Sec'y; Mrs. A. Bailey, Treas.

SOUTHVILLE: Mrs. Martha P. Le Bosquet, Pres.; Miss Emily Hooper, Sec'y and Treas.

SUDSBURY: Mrs. Isabella Oviatt, Pres.; Mrs. Nichols B. Hunt, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Alice H. Hunt, Sec'y; Mrs. Geo. W. Hunt, Treas.

WELLESLEY: Mrs. E. N. Horton, Pres.; Miss Lizzie Horr, Sec'y; Mrs. P. W. Dana, Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

CONCORD: "Sunday-School Missionary Association," Miss Mary Monroe, Sec'y and Treas.

FRAMINGHAM: "Buds of Promise," no officers.

HOLLISTON: "Open Hands," Mrs. G. M. Adams, Pres.; Miss M. J. Warfield, Sec'y; Miss Lizzie Barber, Treas.

HOLLISTON: "Missionary Workers," Mrs. G. M. Adams, Pres.; Louise D. Adams, Sec'y; Millie Pond, Treas.

LINCOLN: "Cheerful Givers," Miss Minnie Flint, Pres.; Miss Bertha Scripture, Vice-Pres.; Miss Georgie Weston, Sec'y; G. Henry Flint, Treas.

NATICK: "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," Mrs. L. Winch, Pres.; Annie L. Mead, Sec'y; Geddie O. Dakin, Treas.

NATICK: "Busy Bees," Mrs. S. B. Hayes, Pres.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM: "Willing Workers," Miss Mary G. Hay, Pres.; Miss Annie K. Bean, Sec'y; Miss Jennie L. Cutler, Ass't Sec'y; Bessie M. Parker, Treas.; Miss Lizzie F. Porter, Ass't Treas.

SOUTH NATICK: "Children's Circle," no officers.

SHERBORN: "Mission Circle," Mrs. D. P. Coolidge, Pres.; Miss Edith Blanchard, Sec'y and Treas.

SUDSBURY: "May-flowers," Miss Belle P. Oviatt, Pres.; Miss Louise Oviatt, Sec'y and Treas.

WELLESLEY: "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," Miss Lucy Winsor, Pres.; "Penny Gatherers," Mrs. C. J. Phillips, Pres.

## REPORT OF THE ESSEX SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH.

## OFFICERS.

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The Essex South County Branch is in the second year of its existence, and we feel increasingly the benefits of its organization. We rejoice to record some growth this year, two new auxiliaries and three new mission circles having been formed since Jan. 1, 1879; and it may also be noted that both of the auxiliaries are composed of young ladies, one of them being a junior auxiliary in a church where a flourishing auxiliary of older ladies already existed.

We have also made earnest efforts toward organizations in other churches not now represented in our Branch; but though the fruit of these endeavors does not outwardly appear, we feel sure that the labor and prayer is not lost, but will be seen in a rich harvest by and by.

Our receipts for the year, ending June 5th, were \$1,833.48; and we trust that another year will show a still larger amount paid into the treasury. In our Branch meetings we have adopted the plan of taking a five-cent collection to defray incidental expenses, and it has proved very successful, obviating all necessity of deducting anything from the regular contributions of auxiliaries.

The pledged work in our auxiliaries and mission circles remains essentially the same as last year, with two or three additions, and calls forth our thoughts and prayers for India,

China, Turkey, Africa, and our own American Indians. Besides the work thus assumed in our various organizations, in the month of May last we pledged the support of our Branch to Miss Grace Bingham, of Wellsville, N. Y., now assistant teacher in the seminary at Aintab; and her presence at our annual meeting, in June, added greatly to the interest and profit of what was, in all other respects also, an occasion full of suggestive thought and spiritual benefit.

Our semi-annual meeting, held in Salem, November 5th, on the ground made sacred by the farewells of the first missionaries of the American Board, was very fully attended, and we are confident that its influence cannot fail to be deeply felt, giving us inspiration and courage for work in the months to come.

MARY T. CALDWELL, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

**BEVERLY:** Dane Street Church, Mrs. Catharine P. Studley, Pres.; Mrs. Mary E. Gordon, Sec'y; Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas.

**BOXFORD:** Mrs. S. D. Gammell, Pres.; Miss A. E. Sawyer, Sec'y; Mrs. Abby R. Gage, Treas.

**DANVERS:** Maple Street Church, Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Pres.; Mrs. Charles Gould, Mrs. Samuel Sawyer, Vice-Pres'ts; Miss Caroline W. Lawrence, Sec'y and Treas.

**DANVERS CENTRE:** Miss P. J. Mudge, Sec'y and Treas.

**GEORGETOWN:** Memorial Church, Mrs. Eugene H. Titus, Pres.; Mrs. D. D. Marsh, Vice-Pres.; Miss E. A. Bailey, Sec'y; Miss Sarah Bateman, Treas.

**GLoucester:** Mrs. F. G. Clark, Pres.; Mrs. J. Eldredge, Mrs. Mary Tucker, Vice-Pres'ts; Miss Ida Tappan, Sec'y; Mrs. P. D. Smith, Treas.

**IPSWICH:** South Church, Mrs. T. Frank Waters, Pres.; Miss Mary T. Caldwell, Sec'y; Miss Alice A. Smith, Treas.

**LYNN:** Central Church, Mrs. A. H. Currier, Pres.; Mrs. Lucilla Pease, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. W. F. Hill, Sec'y and Treas.

**LYNN:** First Church: Miss C. L. Bancroft, Pres.; Mrs. Mary E. Flint, Sec'y; Miss Lillian Martin, Treas.

LYNN: First Church, "Junior Auxiliary," Mrs. Marion H. Austin, Pres.; Miss Louise Chase, Sec'y; Miss Anna Newhall, Treas.

LYNN: North Church, Mrs. James L. Hill, Pres.; Mrs. O. L. Baldwin, Sec'y and Treas.

LYNN: Chestnut Street Church: Mrs. George E. Marsh, Pres.; Miss Mary H. Marshall, Sec'y and Treas.

MANCHESTER: Mrs. George L. Gleason, Directress; Mrs. N. B. Sargent, Ass't Directress; Miss Helen R. Stanley, Sec'y; Miss Anna T. Rust, Treas.

MARBLEHEAD: North Church, Mrs. Amos Humphrey, Pres.; Mrs. John H. Williams, Sec'y; Mrs. John Pitman, Treas.

MIDDLETON: Mrs. H. W. Merriam, Pres.; Miss Henrietta Tyler, Sec'y and Treas.

PEABODY: Mrs. Willard G. Sperry, Pres.; Mrs. Richard Smith, Sec'y and Treas.

SALEM: Crombie Street Church, Miss Abby P. Chapman, Pres.; Miss Susan E. Dwyer, Sec'y and Treas.

SALEM: South Church, Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Pres.; Miss S. S. Driver, Mrs. Irving Stone, Vice-Pres'ts; Miss S. I. English, Sec'y and Treas.

SALEM: Tabernacle Church, Mrs. DeWitt S. Clark, Pres.; Miss Emma H. Short, Sec'y; Miss Sarah P. Chamberlain, Treas.

SAUGUS: Mrs. Susan W. Hall, Pres.; Mrs. George A. Learoyd, Sec'y and Treas.

SWAMPSCOTT: Mrs. Charles A. Torrey, Pres.; Miss R. A. Webber, Sec'y and Treas.

TOPSFIELD: Mrs. James H. Fitts, Pres.; Miss Ellen Perkins, Vice-Pres.; Miss S. S. Edwards, Sec'y; Miss Clara Todd, Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES. .

BEVERLY: "Ivy Leaves."

BEVERLY: "Centreville Mission Circle."

DANVERS: "Maple Leaf."

DANVERS CENTRE: "Braman Mission Band."

ESSEX: "Chebacco Mission Band."

LYNN: "Central Mission Circle."

LYNN: Chestnut Street, "Sunbeams" and "Boys' Mission Club."  
 LYNN: First Church, "Mission Circle."  
 MIDDLETON: "Fragment Gatherers."  
 SALEM: "Willing Helpers."  
 SALEM: "Young People's Mission Circle."  
 SOUTH PEABODY: "Do What We Can Circle."

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### LIFE MEMBERS MADE THROUGH THE BRANCH IN 1879.

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Mrs. George L. Gleason.	Mrs. Henrietta L. Sperry.
Mrs. Henry Howard.	Mrs. Addie M. Waters.
Mrs. Abbie W. Marsh.	

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### REPORT OF THE SUFFOLK BRANCH.

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MRS. LORING JOHNSON, Walpole.	

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##### Auditor.

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MRS. H. M. TILTON, Cambridgeport.	MISS E. E. STONE, Boston Highlands.

A Suffolk Branch of the Woman's Board, comprising the Suffolk North, West and South Conference Associations, together with the Mendon Conference, was organized in Park Street Church, Boston, in April, 1879. Two of these conferences had been formed during the preceding year; and the result of this union of auxiliaries into conference associations had proved so beneficial in an increase of interest, as to lead their officers to feel that a still more effective service would be open to us as a Branch than as separate associations. "This Branch includes all the churches of Boston and vicinity, thus lying in the very center of the operations of the Board."

In all the early days of the Board much of the work accomplished for its growth and enlargement was due to the societies within its limits. During the first year of the existence of the Board these societies contributed three-fifths the entire sum raised by all the societies connected with the Board that year. Each year since that time the annual amount raised by them has been \$7,000. The aggregate donations for the eleven years are \$72,525 for the general work; \$14,000 additional for the Home in Constantinople; \$600 for the Kioto Home; \$6,300 in legacies for current work, and \$25,000 for the permanent fund; making a total of \$118,362.

The pledged work of the Branch for the present year amounts to about \$8,000, most of which has already been paid in. This, with a large surplus for the general fund, will probably amount to \$10,000.

The Mendon Conference, which geographically comes with us, has an interesting record, and the first thank-offering which came to the Woman's Board was from one of its societies.

Our Branch includes seventy-two churches. Within these churches there are fifty auxiliary societies (representing a membership of eleven hundred) and sixty-two mission circles, making, in all, one hundred and twelve organizations. It was recommended at the last executive meeting, held in December, that

efforts be made to organize in every church within our limits, before our annual meeting, in March, a circle to represent missionary interests.

The pledged work of the Branch includes the support of fourteen missionaries, five Bible-readers and eight scholarships.

Our existence as a Branch is of so recent date that we have comparatively little progress to report, but within the eight months since our organization there have been four new auxiliaries and six mission circles formed.

MRS. L. F. WARNER, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

**AUBURNDALE:** Mrs. I. R. Worcester, Pres.; Mrs. L. M. Hill, Sec'y; Mrs. F. W. Pearson, Treas.

**BOSTON:** Central Church, Mrs. Thos. H. Russell, Pres.; Mrs. Gardner Bullard, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. W. S. Houghton, Sec'y and Treas.; "Young Ladies' Missionary Club," Miss Abbie B. Child, Pres.; Miss M. M. Topliff, Miss Lizzie G. Houghton, Vice-Pres'ts; Miss Lizzie Wilbur, Sec'y; Miss Alice Russell, Treas.

**BOSTON:** Mt. Vernon Church, Mrs. E. K. Alden, Pres.; Mrs. Miron Winslow, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. E. S. N. Goodall, Sec'y; Miss Abby Pearson, Treas.; "Young Ladies' Missionary Society," Miss E. S. Tobey, Pres.; Miss Lizzie P. Rollins, Sec'y; Miss A. Cutler, Treas.

**BOSTON:** Old South Church, Mrs. Charles Stoddard, Pres.; Miss Abby Walley, Sec'y and Treas.

**BOSTON:** Park Street Church, Mrs. George Coburn, Pres.; Miss M. Shattuck, Sec'y; Mrs. Luther Barnes, Treas.

**BOSTON:** Shawmut Church, "Young Ladies' Missionary Society," Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth, Pres.; Mrs. A. L. Wilkins, Vice-Pres.; Miss Lizzie Wilkins, Sec'y; Miss L. Carr, Treas.

**BOSTON:** Union Church, "Young Ladies' Missionary Society," Miss Anna Adams, Pres.; Miss Alice Braman, Sec'y; Miss Ella Atwood, Treas.

**BOSTON HIGHLANDS:** Eliot Church, Mrs. Rufus Anderson, Pres.; Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. B. F. Hamilton, Sec'y; Miss E. E. Stone, Treas.

**BOSTON HIGHLANDS:** Highland Church, Mrs. S. N. Stockwell, Pres.; Mrs. Henry Basford, Vice-Pres.; Miss Louisa Day, Sec'y; Mrs. W. A. Nichols, Treas.

**BOSTON HIGHLANDS:** Immanuel Church, Mrs. A. J. Abbe, Pres.; Miss S. L. Wood, Vice-Pres.; Miss Cora D. Farrar, Sec'y and Treas.

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**CHELSEA:** Central Church, Mrs. C. P. H. Nason, Pres.; Mrs. Edwin Carr, Treas.

**CHELSEA:** Third Church, Mrs. C. H. Newell, Pres.; Mrs. S. P. Cook, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. W. K. Davis, Sec'y and Treas.

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**DORCHESTER:** Village Church, Miss Amanda Ruggles, Pres.; Miss J. K. Wright, Sec'y; Mrs. Reuben Swan, Treas.

**EAST BOSTON:** Maverick Church, Mrs. Dr. H. E. M. Foltz, Pres.; Mrs. J. M. Colesworthy, Sec'y; Miss E. Hammett, Treas.

**EAST SOMERVILLE:** Mrs. Wm. S. Hubbell, Pres.; Miss Lizzie A. Coffin, Sec'y.

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**SOUTH BOSTON:** Phillips Church, Mrs. R. R. Meredith, First Directress; Mrs. L. K. Drake, Second Directress; Mrs. Calvin Shepard, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. H. E. Darling, Rec. Sec'y; Mrs. L. H. Drake, Treas.; Mrs. G. W. Ellis, Ass't Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

**AUBURNDALE:** "Cheerful Workers."  
**BOSTON:** Berkeley Street Church, "The Lamp-lighters."  
**BOSTON:** Central Church, "Golden Sunbeams," "Busy Bees," "Duryea Circle," "White Doves," "Merry Workers."  
**BOSTON:** Old South Church, "Bartlett Band."  
**BOSTON:** Olivet Church, "Merry Workers."  
**BOSTON:** Park Street Church, "Echo Band."  
**BOSTON:** Shawmut Church, "Shawmut Branch Circle."  
**BOSTON HIGHLANDS:** Eliot Church, "Eliot Star," "Anderson Circle," "Ferguson Circle," "Thompson Circle," "May-flowers."  
**BOSTON HIGHLANDS:** Immanuel Church, "Little Helpers."  
**BRIGHTON:** "Mission Circle."  
**BROOKLINE:** "Cheerful Givers," "Honey Bees," "Golden Links," "Lilies of the Valley," "Harvard Helpers," "Little Women's Auxiliary."  
**CAMBRIDGE:** "Jewel Seekers," "Little Workers," "Little Helpers."  
**CAMBRIDGEPORT:** "Bearers of Glad Tidings," "Children's Mission Circle."  
**CHARLESTOWN:** First Church, "Juvenile Helpers."  
**CHARLESTOWN:** Winthrop Church, "Winthrop Helpers."  
**CHELSEA:** First Church, "Lamp-lighters."  
**CHELSEA:** Third Church, "Willing Workers."  
**DEDHAM:** "Chapel Rays," "Broad Oak Helpers."  
**DORCHESTER:** Village Church, "Band of Faith."

EAST BOSTON: "Maverick Rill."  
 EAST SOMERVILLE: "Square Circle."  
 FOXBORO: "Crystal Rock Mission Circle."  
 GRANTVILLE: "The Carrier Doves."  
 HYDE PARK: "Wayside Gleaners."  
 JAMAICA PLAIN: "Wide-Awakes."  
 MEDFIELD: "Morning Glories."  
 MEDWAY: "Medway Gleaners."  
 NEWTON: "Eliot Mission Circle."  
 NEWTON CENTRE: "Young People's Mission Circle."  
 NEWTON HIGHLANDS: "Willing Hands," "Cheerful Givers."  
 NORTH CAMBRIDGE: "Rosebuds."  
 NORTH SOMERVILLE: "Earnest Workers."  
 SOUTH BOSTON: Phillips Church, "Willing Hands," "Cheerful Workers."  
 SOUTH BOSTON: E Street Church, "Mission Circle."  
 WALPOLE: "Little Gleaners."  
 WALTHAM: "Mission Circle."  
 WAVERLY: "Mission Circle."  
 WEST ROXBURY: "Rays of Sunshine."  
 WOLLASTON HEIGHTS: "Little Sunbeams."  
 WRENTHAM: "Wee-wee Ones."

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#### REPORT OF THE ESSEX NORTH BRANCH.

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At the meeting of our Essex North Conference Association in the autumn of 1878, committees of visiting and correspondence were appointed to see if auxiliaries could be formed in such churches within our bounds as had none, and to aid, if necessary, in their formation. As the result of this measure we found ourselves strong enough at our meeting in May to form a Branch — an advance we were glad to make. There are still two churches within our limits without auxiliaries; one on account of its feebleness, the other because it still maintains a long-standing connection with the New York Society.

At our meeting in September, Mrs. Barnes brought to us welcome messages of love and cheer from the parent society. Miss Gertrude A. Chandler, who was under appointment for the Madura Mission, gave us, in simplicity and sweetness, at once her salutation and farewell. These dear sisters won the hearts of all our ladies, most of whom then enjoyed the privilege of seeing them for the first time. We sat together in heavenly places, and found sweet communion with Christ and with one another.

We have adopted as our Branch work the support of the teachers, scholars and readers which our auxiliaries had severally undertaken. One of our Societies has taken a share in the Dispensary at Bombay. Our largest and strongest auxiliary — that at Newburyport, which has heretofore had the privilege of supporting Mrs. Tomson, of the Constantinople Home — is hoping, ere long, to see one of her own daughters offer herself for the foreign field, whose outfit and maintenance she will be only too happy to assume.

One of our auxiliaries — that of the North Church, in Haverhill, public worship being omitted in the afternoon — has held its meetings on the first Sabbath afternoon of every month. Whenever it is practicable, fresh letters and the voice of a living missionary are secured for the meetings, which are carried on in a manner every way suitable to the Lord's Day. This plan has succeeded in increasing both attendance and interest.

Five new auxiliaries and three new mission circles have sprung up during the year, the latter growing directly out of the Sabbath Schools. In one school three classes of young girls had been led by their teachers, for several years, to devote their weekly contributions to the Woman's Board. As soon as it was suggested to them, by one of their teachers, that they should

form a society of their own, they were all aglow with it. They invited an enthusiastic lady twice their own age to become their president. Under her guidance these girls, twenty-five of them under twenty years of age, are working with zeal and harmony. In another parish the girls came to their teacher to ask if they might form a society; but this asking was the fruit of much instruction in the Sabbath School. This society numbers over forty, meets once a fortnight, and, like the former, includes the cream of the girlhood in the parish.

A lady, who for years has had charge of one of our most flourishing circles, writes: "I have a large class in the Sabbath School, several of them teachers. I do not say much in the class about the missionary society, but the late lessons have given me a grand opportunity to talk over the extent and glory and certainty of Christ's kingdom." Who could invent better themes for kindling a spirit of missions?

One more good sign in our home field I cannot omit. Mrs. Dimmick, of the Newburyport auxiliary, writes, and others testify to the same point: "People talk more, and with more animation, about missions than I ever heard them before."

MRS. P. S. BOYD.

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**BOXFORD, WEST:** Mrs. Calvin E. Park, Pres.; Miss Marion Andrews, Sec'y; Mrs. William P. Kimball, Treas.

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**NEWBURY, WEST:** Second Church, Mrs. M. A. Dougherty, Pres.; Mrs. B. A. Follansbee, Vice-Pres.; Miss A. W. Jacques, Sec'y and Treas.

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**SALISBURY POINT:** —, Pres.; Miss Anna Colby, Sec'y and Treas.

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#### MISSION CIRCLES.

**AMESBURY:** "The Young Ladies' Mission Circle."

**HAVERHILL:** North Church, "The Pentucket Mission Band."

**HAVERHILL, WEST:** "Girls' Mission Band."

**IPSWICH:** First Church, "Little Workers," "The Gleaners."

**NEWBURYPORT:** "Belleville Mission Band," "Tyler Mission Circle," "Campbell Mission Circle," "North Church Mission Circle," "Oldtown Mission Circle," "Willing Helpers."

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#### REPORT OF THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

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In looking over the history of the Barnstable Conference Association for another year, we feel that we have not been disappointed in the hopes which were expressed in our last Annual Report; and though, from the nature of the case, we cannot report any great enlargement or growth, yet every year shows real, substantial progress of the good work among us. The cause is rooting itself more deeply in the hearts of the women of our churches. Our information is increased, our sympathies are widened, and our purpose grows stronger that the cause we love shall never be suffered to decline among us. We have held two meetings this year; the first at Falmouth, in June, where the very air is redolent of the missionary spirit. This was a season of great interest and profit; our hearts were stirred to new devotion to the cause as we listened to the tender and earnest words of Mrs. Dr. Schneider, and the report from our auxiliaries was very cheering. The second has just been held in Harwich Port County, in connection with the conference, and was no whit behind the June meeting in spirit and interest. Mrs. Barnes, of Boston, brought us, in a very pleasant manner, the kindly greetings of the parent society, and gave a most interesting and inspiring address on the new aspects of the work before the society and the need of greater effort for the year before us. The reports from auxiliaries were full of hope and encouragement, every one standing firm and strong, even though some of them have been passing through circumstances of peculiar trial and depression. An extract from one report breathes the spirit of all: "We hope for more interest, and shall persevere, in the face of all discouragements."

A step was taken in the right direction by appointing committees to secure the formation of auxiliaries (even if very small) in those churches where none now exist. The amount contributed is about the same as last year. The "Sea Birds," of Yarmouth, have raised \$30 this year, and the "Sunday School Army," of South Dennis, have contributed \$16. Several of the auxiliaries report increased interest and attendance at their meetings, and all go forward to the work of another year with new hope and stronger faith in God.

**MRS. J. W. DODGE, Cor. Sec'y.**

## AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

**CHATHAM:** Mrs. A. K. Atwood, Pres.; Miss M. M. Howes, Sec'y and Treas.

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## MISSION CIRCLES.

**EAST FALMOUTH:** "Helping Hands."

**SOUTH DENNIS:** "Sunday School Army."

**YARMOUTH:** "Sea Birds."

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY CONFERENCE  
ASSOCIATION.

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We had hoped, before sending in our report this year, to have added to the number of our auxiliaries. We are glad, however, to have held our own.

We are glad, also, to feel that our labor has not been altogether in vain. In two of our churches mission societies have been formed, in consequence of attention being drawn to the matter by urging them to form auxiliaries to the Woman's Board.

They have not seen fit, as yet, to join us; but while just what we designed is not accomplished, we do not feel like giving up. We are encouraged by an increased attendance at our meetings, and a good degree of interest is manifested.

There is only one mission circle reported, but bright prospects for starting another at the beginning of the new year.

We are feeling very much the necessity of interesting the children—both boys and girls—early in life in this work, as its future prosperity depends much upon them.

E. F. LEONARD, Sec'y.

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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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**MISSION CIRCLES.**

**NEW BEDFORD:** "Wide-Awake Workers."

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**REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE  
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**MRS. E. D. SAWIN**, Townsend.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society connected with the Middlesex Union Conference, met at the chapel of the church at Lancaster, Oct. 15, 1879. A large number of the ladies of the conference were represented in this meeting.

After the usual business, the society listened to reports from the auxiliaries. Most of them were encouraging, showing that the work of missions was deepening in the churches of our conference. The question was discussed as to what we could do to increase the missionary spirit in the churches of our conference. It was urged upon the ladies to do what they could to form new auxiliaries.

The meeting was closed by very earnest, tender remarks by Mrs. Rolfe, our president, entreating the ladies to more earnest consecration and devotion in this great work.

**MRS. E. D. SAWIN, Sec'y.**

## AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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**FITCHBURG:** Rollstone Church, Mrs. C. H. Newton, Pres.; Mrs. M. A. Freeland, Vice-Pres.; Miss Abby M. Ellis, Sec'y and Treas.

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REPORT OF THE ANDOVER CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

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Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

**MRS. CHARLES L. SMITH**, Andover.

Recording Secretary.

**MRS. S. B. CORDLEY**, Lawrence.

This association gratefully records not only life, but growth, and a growth felt more than can be made to appear in bare statistics, as was evinced in the tone and atmosphere of our last noon "hour of prayer" at the October conference.

Two new auxiliaries have been formed; viz., at Dracut, and South Side Church, Lawrence. One church besides has done efficient work which would entitle them to a place of honor among us, but have not formally organized. There are now five only, out of our conference of twenty-six churches, who have no woman's missionary organization; and three out of that five—having small membership—are hardly more than self-supporting. And we have faith that these, too, shall come to understand that the Master calls them when he says, "Go ye into all the world;" and that for their encouragement he has spoken the gracious words, "According to that a man hath, will he be judged."

Andover leads our list in increase of contributions (having a gain of \$62.05 over last year), as well as in the number of meetings held, and attendance at the same. With curious interest we ask wherein their great strength lieth. The answer comes: "Sixty-one copies of '*Life and Light*' taken." Definite knowledge is the basis of their zeal.

The Juvenile Society connected with West Parish—one, by the way, that recognizes the fact that boys, as well as girls, should be early enlisted for the world's redemption—celebrated its forty-ninth anniversary this autumn. It is the oldest society of its kind in existence, but it shows none of the infirmities of the half century line.

DRACUT AUXILIARY, organized in April, speaks of the impetus given thereby to all departments of home work, which proves how wisely they have laid the corner-stone of their structure.

LAWRENCE: LAWRENCE STREET AUXILIARY, one of the oldest in the field, lacks the enthusiasm of its younger sisters, but it contains tried servants, who work and pray and wait.

LAWRENCE: CENTRAL CHURCH reports: "Hearty workers multiplied, attendance at monthly meetings increased, and a general live interest growing. The mission circle among the young people have raised \$100 during the year."

LAWRENCE: RIVERSIDE. All the women of the church,—with two or three exceptions,—released from necessity of daily toil at the mills, are gathered into the missionary meeting.

LAWRENCE: SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, though small, contains some wonderful praying women. So their effort to organize an auxiliary was, of course, eminently a success.

LOWELL: FIRST CHURCH, says: "We certainly are growing

in the number of persons intelligently interested. With such a thorough system of canvassing as they have organized, great results must needs follow. They take as much care to gather the mite from the widow's hand in the Old Ladies' Home, as to take the alabaster box, with its richer gift."

LOWELL: KIRK STREET AUXILIARY rejoices in a gain of thirty in membership over last year. They have "adopted" Miss Williams. With such an one to work for, and such a field as Constantinople Home to correspond with, they feel assured that their third year will show a great advance.

LOWELL: UNION AUXILIARY reports union in spirit, and a deep and abiding purpose to persevere. Meetings are held quarterly, and many interesting papers on missionary fields have been given.

METHUEN reports an increased attendance at monthly meetings, also an advance of \$15 in contributions.

MRS. L. B. CORDLEY, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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LAWRENCE: Lawrence Street Church, Mrs. J. Coit, Pres.; Mrs. C. R. Pillsbury, Sec'y and Treas.

LAWRENCE: Central Church, Mrs. George H. Ide, Pres.; Miss Nettie Clark, Sec'y and Treas.

LAWRENCE, RIVERSIDE: Mrs. E. F. Shipley, Pres.

LAWRENCE, SOUTH SIDE: Mrs. Clark Carter, Pres.; Miss Ellen E. DeMerit, Sec'y and Treas.

LOWELL: Union Auxiliary, Mrs. J. M. Green, Pres.; Mrs. James Butrich, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. D. Hall Rice, Sec'y; Mrs. B. C. Benner, Treas.

LOWELL: First Church, Miss M. L. Shedd, Pres.; Miss Hannah Varnum, Vice-Pres.; Miss S. R. Harlow, Sec'y; Miss Lizzie Brickett, Ass't Sec'y; Miss Lizzie Holt, Treas.

**LOWELL:** Kirk Street, Mrs. S. L. Ward, Pres.; Mrs. Whipple, Vice-Pres.; Miss Marietta Melvin, Sec'y; Mrs. H. B. Shattuck, Treas.

**METHUEN:** Mrs. Jacob Emerson, Pres.; Mrs. J. A. Towns, Sec'y and Treas.

**TEWKSBURY.**

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### MISSION CIRCLES.

**ANDOVER:** West Church, "Juvenile Missionary Society."

**LAWRENCE:** "Central Workers."

**LOWELL:** "Cheerful Workers."

**LOWELL:** "Merry Workers."

**METHUEN:** "Little Christian Workers."

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### ZULU MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, for 1880	· · · · ·	\$450 00
" " Miss Gertrude R. Hance	· · · · ·	450 00
" " Mrs. Susan W. Tyler	· · · · ·	500 00
" " Miss M. E. Price	· · · · ·	450 00
" " Miss F. M. Morris	· · · · ·	450 00
General Expenses of Inanda Seminary	· · · · ·	375 00
Umzumbi Home	· · · · ·	500 00
Bible-women at Groutville	· · · · ·	80 00
		— \$3,255 00

#### EUROPEAN TURKEY.

Salary of Mrs. J. F. Clarke	· · · · ·	\$400 00
" " Mrs. Ellen S. Baird	· · · · ·	400 00
" " Mrs. F. G. Bond	· · · · ·	400 00
" " Miss Ellen M. Stone	· · · · ·	352 00
Three Bible-women	· · · · ·	110 00
Music Instruction	· · · · ·	88 00
Girls' School at Monastir	· · · · ·	76 00
		— \$1,826 00

#### WESTERN TURKEY—CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

Salary of Mrs. Kate P. Williams	· · · · ·	\$660 00
" Miss Ellen C. Parsons	· · · · ·	440 00

Salary of Miss Clara Hamlin	• . . . .	\$440 00
“ “ Miss C. P. Williams	• . . . .	440 00
Scholarships	• . . . .	1,320 00
Miscellaneous Items, consisting of Native Teachers,		
Books, Apparatus, Taxes, Insurance, etc.	• . . . .	966 00
Constantinople — Mrs. S. M. Schneider	• . . . .	440 00
Salary of Miss M. J. Gleason	• . . . .	440 00
Bible-women	• . . . .	88 00
Girls' School at Rodosto	• . . . .	53 00

## BROOSA.

Girls' School at Tenije	• . . . .	\$53 00
“ “ Jerrakh	• . . . .	53 00

## NICOMEDIA.

Salary of Miss Laura Farnham	• . . . .	\$330 00
High School at Bagchijuk	• . . . .	550 00
Village Schools	• . . . .	199 00

## CESAREA.

Salary of Miss Sarah A. Closson	• . . . .	\$275 00
High School at Talas	• . . . .	662 00
Bible-women	• . . . .	360 00
Village Schools	• . . . .	287 00

## MARSOVAN.

Salary of Miss Eliza Fritchler	• . . . .	\$275 00
“ “ Miss Fannie Washburn	• . . . .	275 00
“ “ Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard	• . . . .	275 00
“ “ Mrs. C. C. Tracy	• . . . .	275 00
Six Bible-women	• . . . .	267 00
Marsovan Seminary	• . . . .	726 00
Village Schools	• . . . .	105 00

## SIVAS.

Salary of Miss Laura Chamberlain	• . . . .	\$275 00
Girls' High School	• . . . .	189 00
Village Schools	• . . . .	44 00
Bible-women	• . . . .	80 00

## MANISA.

Salary of Miss Phebe L. Cull	• . . . .	\$396 00
“ “ Miss Hattie G. Powers	• . . . .	396 00
“ “ Miss — Mattas	• . . . .	396 00
Village Schools	• . . . .	158 00
Bible-women	• . . . .	106 00
Total, Western Turkey,		— \$12,321 00

## CENTRAL TURKEY — AINTAB.

Salary of Miss Myra A. Proctor	•	•	•	•	•	\$352 00
“ “ Miss Ellen M. Pierce	•	•	•	•	•	352 00
“ “ Miss Grace Bingham	•	•	•	•	•	352 00
Girls' Boarding School, Teachers, Steward, etc.	•	•	•	•	•	1,114 00
Village Schools, twenty-four	•	•	•	•	•	1,024 00
Bible-women	•	•	•	•	•	76 00
Tours of mission ladies	•	•	•	•	•	264 00
Translation Fund	•	•	•	•	•	158 00
Furnishing house at Oorfa	•	•	•	•	•	510 00

## MARASH.

Salary of Mrs. Giles F. Montgomery	•	•	•	•	•	\$352 00
Total, Central Turkey,						— \$4,557 00

## EASTERN TURKEY — HARPOOT.

Salary of Miss Harriet Seymour	•	•	•	•	•	\$330 00
“ “ Miss Caroline E. Bush	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
“ “ Mrs. Caroline R. Allen	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
Female Seminary	•	•	•	•	•	900 00
Five Bible-women	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
Aid to wives of students	•	•	•	•	•	132 00

## MARDIN.

Salary of Mrs. Olive L. Andrus	•	•	•	•	•	\$330 00
“ “ Miss Sarah Sears	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
“ “ Miss Cassie H. Pratt	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
Girls' Boarding School	•	•	•	•	•	358 00

Village Schools	•	•	•	•	•	327 00
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## VAN.

One-half Salary of the Misses C. and M. Ely	•	•	•	•	•	\$330 00
Salary of Mrs. M. W. Raynolds	•	•	•	•	•	330 00
Bible-women	•	•	•	•	•	16 00
Girls' Boarding School	•	•	•	•	•	250 00
Total, Eastern Turkey,						— \$4,953 00

## MAHRATTA MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Mary E. Bissell	•	•	•	•	•	\$525 00
“ “ Mrs. Abby S. Hume	•	•	•	•	•	525 00
“ “ Mrs. M. C. Winsor	•	•	•	•	•	525 00
“ “ Miss Sarah F. Norris, M.D.	•	•	•	•	•	660 00
Conveyances	•	•	•	•	•	200 00
Native Teacher	•	•	•	•	•	100 00

Rent . . . . .	\$300 00
Tours . . . . .	80 00
Medicines . . . . .	260 00
Compounder . . . . .	100 00
Grant to Miss Emma K. Ogden, M.D. . . . .	450 00
Rents . . . . .	282 00
Tours . . . . .	112 00
Medicines . . . . .	48 00
Compounder . . . . .	60 00
Twelve Bible-women . . . . .	564 00
Girls' School, Ahmednugger . . . . .	550 00
School, Bombay . . . . .	525 00
Total,	———— \$5,866 00

## MADURA MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Sarah B. Capron . . . . .	\$600 00
"    "    Mrs. Charlotte H. Chandler . . . . .	500 00
"    "    Miss Gertrude A. Chandler . . . . .	500 00
"    "    Miss Etta Rendall . . . . .	500 00
"    "    Mrs. J. M. Minor . . . . .	400 00
Eight Bible-women . . . . .	385 00
Girls' Boarding School, Madura . . . . .	694 00
"    "    Battalagundu . . . . .	250 00
"    "    School, Pulney . . . . .	250 00
"    "    Mana Madura . . . . .	250 00
"    "    Mandapasalai . . . . .	400 00
Hindu Girls' Schools . . . . .	569 00
Medical Assistant for Mrs. Capron . . . . .	100 00
Conveyances for Mission Ladies . . . . .	300 00
Total,	———— \$5,698 00

## CEYLON MISSION.

Salary of Miss Eliza Agnew . . . . .	\$500 00
"    "    Miss Harriet E. Townshend . . . . .	500 00
"    "    Miss Susan R. Howland . . . . .	500 00
"    "    Miss Mary Leitch . . . . .	400 00
"    "    Miss Margaret W. Leitch . . . . .	400 00
Bible-women . . . . .	325 00
Oodoopitiy Female Seminary . . . . .	625 00
Oodooville " "	350 00
Village Schools . . . . .	350 00
Total,	———— \$8,950 00

## FOOCHOW MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Lucy E. Hartwell . . . . .	\$450 00
"    "    Miss Adelia M. Payson . . . . .	450 00
Girls' Boarding School . . . . .	550 00
"    "    Day School . . . . .	200 00
Total,	———— \$1,650 00

## NORTH CHINA MISSION.

Salary of Miss Mary E. Andrews . . . . .	\$450 00
"    " Mrs. Isaac Pierson . . . . .	450 00
Bible-woman . . . . .	25 00
Woman's Work . . . . .	80 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$1,005 00

## JAPAN MISSION.

Salary of Miss Eliza Talcott . . . . .	\$650 00
"    " Miss Mary Gouldy . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss J. E. Gulick . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss F. A. Stevens . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss J. A. Wilson . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss Virginia Clarkson . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss F. H. Gardner . . . . .	650 00
"    " Miss Anna Y. Davis . . . . .	650 00
"    " Mrs. E. S. DeForest . . . . .	550 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$6,400 00

## AUSTRIAN MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Clara E. Schaufller . . . . .	\$578 00
Girls' School, Krabschitz . . . . .	504 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$1,082 00

## SPAIN.

Salary of Mrs. William H. Gulick . . . . .	\$600 00
"    " Miss Joaquina Martinez . . . . .	350 00
"    " Miss Gracia Martinez . . . . .	350 00
Girls' Boarding School . . . . .	608 00
Bible-women . . . . .	240 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$2,220 00

## MICRONESIA.

Salary of Mrs. H. A. Pease . . . . .	\$300 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$300 00

## DAKOTA MISSION.

Salaries of Teachers in the Home . . . . .	\$1,000 00
General Expenses of " " . . . . .	800 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>      </u> \$1,800 00

Total Appropriations for 1880, as stated above.	\$56,883 00
Outfits and Traveling Expenses, 1879 . . . . .	9,300 98
School Buildings and Homes . . . . .	8,548 17
Disbursements for Fem. Dep. Armenia College . . . . .	4,351 94

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

Publishing "LIFE AND LIGHT," including services at Office . . . . .	\$8,019 94
Printing Annual Report . . . . .	430 00
Printing and Advertising, Postage and Inci- dentals . . . . .	652 00
Bureau of Exchange . . . . .	865 80
Weekly Pledge Envelopes . . . . .	62 40
Leaflets . . . . .	10 50
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	\$9,707 06
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1879, consisting of funds temporarily invested for Homes and School Build- ings . . . . .	\$15,221 92
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	\$104,346 59

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DEC. 31, 1879.

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1878, consisting of funds temporarily invested for Armenia College, Con- stantinople Home, Dispensary and School Buildings . . . . .	\$30,219 29
Subscriptions and donations in 1879 . . . . .	62,227 37
Subscriptions for Female Dep. Armenia College . . . . .	398 41
Legacies . . . . .	2,265 55
Receipts for "LIFE AND LIGHT" . . . . .	7,283 85
Receipts Weekly Pledge Envelopes . . . . .	45 09
Receipts for Leaflets . . . . .	37 38
Interest on Permanent Fund . . . . .	1,500 00
Interest on temporary investments . . . . .	442 67
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	\$104,346 59

BOSTON, Jan. 9, 1880.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, for the year ending December 31, 1879, and find them correct; showing a balance, in addition to the permanent funds, of fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars ninety-two cents, to the credit of the Society.

JOSHUA W. DAVIS, *Auditor.*

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S  
BOARD.

ZULU MISSION.

Mrs. MARY K. EDWARDS, Inanda. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

Miss GERTRUDE R. HANCE, Umvoti. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

Miss FANNIE M. MORRIS, Inanda. Supported by the Norfolk Conference Branch.

Miss MARTHA E. PRICE, Inanda. Supported by the New York Branch.

Mrs. SUSAN W. TYLER, Umsunduzi. Supported by the Rhode Island Branch.

EUROPEAN TURKEY MISSION.

Mrs. ELLEN S. BAIRD, Monastir. Supported by the Berkshire Branch.

Mrs. ISABELLA G. CLARKE, Samokov. Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

Mrs. FANNIE G. BOND, Philippopolis. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

Miss ELLEN M. STONE, Samokov. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

Miss LAURA B. CHAMBERLAIN, Sivas. Supported by the Vermont Branch.

Miss SARAH A. CLOSSON, Cesarea. Supported by the Auxiliary in Windham, O.

Miss PHEBE L. CULL, Manisa. Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

Miss LAURA FARNHAM, Nicomedia. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

Miss ELIZA FRITCHER, Marsovan. Supported by the New York Branch.

Miss M. J. GLEASON, Constantinople. Supported by the Vermont Branch.

Miss CLARA H. HAMLIN, Constantinople. Supported by the Maine Branch.

**Mrs. AMELIA A. LEONARD, Marsovan.** Supported by the New Haven Branch.

**Miss ELLEN C. PARSONS, Constantinople.** Supported by the Eastern Connecticut Branch.

**Miss HATTIE G. POWERS, Manisa.** Supported on General Fund.

**Mrs. S. M. Schneider, Constantinople.** Supported by the New Haven Branch.

**Mrs. C. C. TRACY, Marsovan.** Supported by the New York Branch.

**Miss FANNIE E. WASHBURN, Marsovan.** Supported by the Woburn Conference Branch.

**Mrs. KATE P. WILLIAMS, Constantinople.** Supported by the New Haven Branch.

**Miss CORNELIA P. WILLIAMS, Constantinople.** Supported by the Auxiliary in Kirk Street Church, Lowell, Mass.

#### CENTRAL TURKEY [MISSION.]

**Miss GRACE BINGHAM, Aintab.** Supported by the South Essex Branch.

**Mrs. E. R. MONTGOMERY, Marash.** Supported by the Vermont Branch.

**Miss ELLEN M. PIERCE, Aintab.** Supported by the South Essex Branch.

**Miss MYRA A. PROCTOR, Aintab.** Supported by the New York Branch.

#### EASTERN TURKEY MISSION.

**Mrs. CAROLINE R. ALLEN, Harpoot.** Supported by the Springfield Branch.

**Mrs. OLIVE L. ANDRUS, Mardin.** Supported by the Auxiliary in New Bedford, Mass.

**Miss CAROLINE E. BUSH, Harpoot.** Supported by the New York Branch.

**Miss CHARLOTTE E. ELY, Bitlis.** In part supported by the Vermont Branch.

**Miss M. A. C. ELY, Bitlis.** In part supported by the Vermont Branch.

**Miss CLARISSA H. PRATT, Mardin.** Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

**Mrs. MARTHA W. RAYNOLDS, Van.** Supported by the Eastern Connecticut Branch and the Auxiliary in Lowell, Mass.

Miss SARAH SEARS, Mardin. Supported by the Franklin County Branch.

Miss HATTIE SEYMOUR, Harpoot. Supported by the Auxiliaries in Fall River and Norton, Mass.

#### MAHRATTA MISSION.

Mrs. MARY E. BISSELL, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

Mrs. ABBIE L. S. HUME, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

Miss SARAH F. NORRIS, M.D., Bombay. Supported by the New Hampshire Branch.

Miss EMMA K. OGDEN, M.D., Sholapoor. Supported by the Berkshire Branch.

Mrs. MARY C. WINSOR, Siroor. Supported by the Hartford Branch.

#### MADURA MISSION.

Mrs. SARAH B. CAPRON, Madura. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE H. CHANDLER, Pulney. Supported by the Norfolk Conference Branch.

Miss GERTRUDE A. CHANDLER, Pulney. Supported by Wellesley College, Mass.

Mrs. J. M. MINOR, Battalagundu. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

Miss HENRIETTA S. RENDALL, Madura. Supported by the South Middlesex Branch.

#### CEYLON MISSION.

Miss ELIZA AGNEW, Oodooville. Supported on General Fund.

Miss SUSAN R. HOWLAND, Oodooville. Supported on General Fund.

Miss MARGARET LEITCH, Batticotta. Supported by the New Hampshire Branch.

Miss MARY LEITCH, Batticotta. Supported by Suffolk Branch.

Miss HARRIET E. TOWNSEND, Oodoopitty. Supported by the Hartford Branch.

Mrs. M. E. K. HOWLAND, Oodoopitty. Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

## FOOCHOW MISSION.

**Mrs. LUCY E. HARTWELL**, Foochow Suburbs. Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

**Miss ADELIA M. PAYSON**, Foochow Suburbs. Supported by the Rhode Island Branch.

## NORTH CHINA MISSION.

**Miss MARY E. ANDREWS**, Tungcho. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

**Mrs. SARAH E. PIERSON**, Pautingsu. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

## JAPAN MISSION.

**Miss VIRGINIA CLARKSON**, Kobe. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

**Miss ABBY M. COLBY**, Osaka. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

**Miss ANNA Y. DAVIS**, Kobe. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

**Mrs. ELIZA DEFOREST**, Osaka. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

**Miss FANNIE H. GARDNER**, Osaka. Supported by the Vermont Branch.

**Miss MARY E. GOULDY**, Osaka. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

**Miss JULIA GULICK**, Kobe. Supported by the Auxiliary in Worcester, Mass.

**Miss FRANCES A. STEVENS**, Osaka. Supported by the Hampshire County Branch.

**Miss ELIZA TALCOTT**, Kobe. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

**Miss JULIA A. WILSON**, Kobe. Supported by the Rhode Island Branch.

## MISSION TO MICRONESIA.

**Mrs. HARRIET A. PEASE**, Ebon. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

## MISSION TO AUSTRIA.

**Mrs. CLARA E. SCHAUFFLER**, Brünn. Supported by the Eastern Connecticut Branch.

MISSION TO SPAIN.

**Mrs. WILLIAM H. GULICK**, Santander. Supported by the Woburn Conference Branch.

DAKOTA MISSION.

**Miss MARTHA M. PADDOCK**, Santee Agency, Neb. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

**Miss MARTHA A. SHEPARD**, Santee Agency, Neb. Supported by the Woburn Conference Branch.

**Miss SUSAN WEBB**, Santee Agency, Neb. Supported on General Fund.

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ASSISTANT MISSIONARIES.

**Miss MATTAS**, Manisa, Turkey. Supported on General Fund.

**SENORA JOAQUINA MARTINEZ**, Santander. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

**SENORA GRACIA MARTINEZ**, Saragossa. Supported on General Fund.

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SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

ZULU MISSION.

**SCHOOL AT INANDA**, under care of Mrs. Edwards. Supported by Scholarships.

**SCHOOL AT UMZUMBI**, under care of Miss Pinkerton. Supported by the Maine Branch.

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

**SCHOOL AT MONASTIR**, under care of Mrs. Baird. Supported in part by General Fund and individual contribution.

WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

**SCHOOLS AT YENIJI AND JERRAKH**, near Broosa. Supported on General Fund.

**THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME**, under care of Mrs. Williams, Misses Parsons and Patrick. Supported by Scholarships and General Fund. Native teachers supported by the Woburn Conference Branch and the Worcester County Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT TALAS**, under care of Miss Closson. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS IN CESAREA STATION**: at Yozgat, supported by the Hampshire County Branch; Injirli, supported by New York Branch; Nigdeh and Soongurlu by the Hartford Branch; Angora, General Fund.

**DAY SCHOOLS IN MANISA STATION**: at Ak Shebir, supported by the Suffolk Branch; at Smyrna, on General Fund.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT BARDESAG**, under care of Misses Farnham and Parsons. Supported by the Maine Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS IN NICOMEDIA STATION**: at Koordbeleng, supported by the Woburn Conference Branch; Hascal, by the New York State Branch; Armash, by the Worcester County Branch; Hunjilar, by the Vermont Branch; Kara Gol, on General Fund.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT MARSOVAN**, under care of Misses Fritcher and Washburn. Supported by the New Haven Branch and Scholarships. Native teacher supported by the South Essex Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS IN THE MARSOVAN STATION**: at Vizir Kupree, by the New Haven Branch; at Avkat and Aza Baghler, supported on General Fund.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT SIVAS**, under care of Miss Chamberlain. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS IN SIVAS STATION**: at Tocat, supported by the Eastern Connecticut Branch; at Gurun, by the Suffolk Branch.

#### CENTRAL TURKEY MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT AINTAB**. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS AT KILLIS, HASSAM BEYLI OORFA, GERMESH YOGONOOLOOK AND KESSAB**, supported by the Rhode Island Branch; Andiaman, Aleppo, Kerkeuy and Keller, by the New Haven Branch; Orool, Severek Harne and

**Ekizolook**, by the Hartford Branch; **Antioch** by the South Essex Branch; **Adana Hagi Habibli**, **Beilan** and **Bitias** by the Suffolk Branch; **Aintab** by the Hampshire County Branch; **Kaladuran**, by the Franklin County Branch; **Birijik**, by the New Hampshire Branch; **Jibbin**, by the Vermont Branch; **Aber**, by the Eastern Connecticut Branch; and **Behsne** on General Fund.

#### EASTERN TURKEY MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT HARPOOT**, under care of Misses Seymour and Bush. Supported by Scholarships. Native teacher by the Vermont Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT MARDIN**, under care of Misses Sears and Pratt. Supported by the Maine Branch.

**DAY SCHOOLS AT MARDIN**, supported by the Worcester County Branch; at Karabash, by the Suffolk Branch; at Goeli, by the Springfield Branch; at Sert and Kulleth, by the New Haven Branch; Midyat, by the Suffolk Branch; at Kutterbul, Mosul, on General Fund.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT BITLIS**, under care of Misses Ely. Supported by the South Essex Branch; two scholarships by Vermont Branch. Teacher by New Haven Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL at Van**. Supported by the Worcester County Branch.

#### MAHRATTA MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT AHMEDNUGGUR**, under care of Mrs. Hume. Supported by Scholarships.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT BOMBAY**, under care of Mrs. Chandler. Supported by the New Haven Branch.

#### MADURA MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT MADURA**, under care of Miss Rendall. Supported by New Haven Branch and Canadian Board.

**FOUR HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS AT MADURA**, under care of Mrs. Capron. Supported by the Vermont Branch, Suffolk Branch, Hartford Branch and Worcester County Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT MANA MADURA**. Supported on General Fund.

**HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL AT MANA MADURA.** Supported by the Hartford Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT MANDAPASALAI,** under care of Miss Taylor. Supported by the New York State Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT BATTALAGUNDU.** Supported by the Eastern Connecticut Branch and the Mission Circle in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

**HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL AT PULNEY,** under care of Mrs. J. S. Chandler. Supported by Norfolk Conference Branch.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT PULNEY,** under care of Mrs. J. S. Chandler. Supported by the North Essex Branch.

**HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL AT TIRUMANGALAM,** under care of Mrs. E. H. Herrick. Supported by the New York Branch.

**HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL AT TIRUPUVANAM,** under care of Mrs. Tracy. Supported on General Fund.

#### CEYLON MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT OODOOPITTY,** under care of Miss Townshend. Supported by Vermont Branch and Scholarships.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT OODOOVILLE,** under care of Miss Agnew. Supported by Scholarships.

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

#### FOOCHOW MISSION.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT Foochow,** under care of Miss Payson. Supported by Vermont Branch and Scholarships.

**DAY SCHOOLS AT Foochow.** Supported by the New York Branch.

#### NORTH CHINA MISSION.

**DAY SCHOOL AT TUNGCHO.** Supported by the Berkshire Branch.

**DAY SCHOOL AT PAOTINGFU.** Supported by Suffolk Branch.

#### MISSION TO SPAIN.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT SANTANDER,** under care of Mrs. Wm. Gulick.

#### MISSION TO AUSTRIA.

**BOARDING SCHOOL AT KRABSCHEITZ,** under care of Pastor Schubert. Supported by Scholarships, and on General Fund.

## NATIVE TEACHERS AND BIBLE-READERS.

## ZULU MISSION.

Upahlekaze, at Groutville. Supported by Lieut. Charles E. Jewett, U. S. A.  
 Bible-reader at Groutville. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

## EUROPEAN TURKEY MISSION.

Three Bible-readers at Philippopolis. One supported by the Woburn Conference Branch; one by the Hartford Branch; one on General Fund.

## WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

## Constantinople Station.

Two Bible-readers at Constantinople. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

## Cesarea Station.

Ghulu Dudu, at Cesarea. Supported by the South Essex Branch.

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Bible-reader at Nigdeh. Supported by the Auxiliary in Falmouth, Mass.

Bible-reader at Everek. Supported by the Berkshire Branch.  
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 Bible-reader at Ak Serai and Jujune. Supported on General Fund.

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Bible-reader at Manisa. Supported by the South Essex Branch.  
 Bible-reader at Ak Shebir. Supported on General Fund.

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 Bible-reader at Vizir Kupree. Supported by the South Essex Branch.

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**Vithabai, at Kolagaw.** Supported by the Berkshire Branch.

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**Gnanaperazen, at Madura.** Supported by the New Haven Branch.

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Mrs. ANNA DANVERS, at Panditeripo. Supported on General Fund.

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Mrs. EDITH L. DAVID, at Manepy. Supported by the Auxiliary in Taunton, Mass.

Mrs. SARAH JOSEPH, at Oodoopitty. Supported by the Hartford Branch.

Mrs. MARY B. SAVARAMUTTU, at Manepy. Supported by the Suffolk Branch.

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NORTH CHINA MISSION.

Mrs. TSUA, at Tungcho. Supported by the South Essex Branch.

MISSION TO SPAIN.

Bible-reader, at Saragossa. Supported on General Fund.

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE YEAR ONE  
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

## AN ACT

To Incorporate the Woman's Board of Missions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Sarah L. Bowker, Eliza H. Anderson and Berynthia M. Child, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate, to be located in the City of Boston, under the name of "The Woman's Board of Missions," with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the general laws which now are, or may hereafter be, in force, relating to corporations, so far as the same may be applicable.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purposes and objects herein set forth.

SECT. 3. The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to collect, receive and hold money given by voluntary contributions, donations, bequests, or otherwise, to be exclusively expended in sending out and supporting such unmarried females as the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions shall, under the recommendation of the Board of Directors of this corporation, designate and appoint as assistant missionaries and teachers for the Christianization of women in foreign lands; and for the support of such other female missionaries, or native female helpers in the missionary work, as may be selected by the Board of Directors, with the approbation of said Prudential Committee.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1869.

Passed to be enacted.

HARVEY JEWELL, Speaker.

IN SENATE, March 4, 1869.

Passed to be enacted.

ROBERT C. PITMAN, *President.*

March 6, 1869.

Approved.

WILLIAM CLAFLIN.

Secretary's Department, Boston, March 17, 1869.

A true copy.

Attest:

OLIVER WARNER,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## CONSTITUTION OF THE W. B. M.

ARTICLE I.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, two or more Secretaries for correspondence, a Treasurer, twelve or more Directors, and an Auditor, who shall be a gentleman. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen. The Presidents of all Branch Societies shall be Vice-Presidents, *ex-officio*, of the Woman's Board of Missions. All of these officers, with the exception of the Auditor, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to act as an Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. II.—The Secretaries and Prudential Committee of the American Board will constitute an Advisory Board, to whom missionary candidates approved by the Executive Committee will be referred for appointment. Missionaries supported by the Woman's Board will be required to make frequent reports to its Corresponding Secretaries.

ART. III.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the Tuesday following the second Sabbath in January, and at such place as the Executive Committee shall appoint; when the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected. Meetings of the Society for business, the communication of intelligence, and suitable religious exercises, shall be held in Boston on the first Tuesday of April and of November, and on Thursday of Anniversary week. Notice of the day, hour and place of

holding the annual meeting shall be inserted twice, and other public meetings once, in one or more religious papers of our denomination. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on the first and third Monday of each month.

ART. IV.—Special meetings of this Society may be called at any time by order of the Executive Committee, by a notice published once, at least, as in Article III.

ART. V.—The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all matters and things necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this Society, as set forth in the Third Section of its Act of Incorporation; and the acts and doings of said Executive Committee shall have the same validity and effect as if done and transacted by the Corporation itself at any regular meeting.

ART. VI.—The payment of one dollar, annually, shall constitute membership, and twenty-five dollars life-membership.

ART. VII.—Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually, may form a Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions, by the appointment of the necessary officers, who shall constitute a local Executive Committee; the particular name and terms of membership, to be fixed by each Society for itself. Auxiliary Societies, not less than twenty in number, may become a branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, and a less number a Conference Association, with power to choose such officers, and make such regulations, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as they may wish.

ART. VIII.—Recognizing the duty of educating our children and youth in the spirit of missions, this Society will encourage the formation of Mission Circles among them, to collect funds and disseminate missionary intelligence. Any number of children, or any class in a Sunday School, that shall contribute annually not less than five dollars, may form a Mission Circle under a name of their own choosing, appointing some one of their number to act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. IX.—All members who become life members of the Woman's Board of Missions by the payment of twenty-five dollars, under its organization as it existed before the passage of said act of incorporation, shall be considered life members of

this Society, with the same rights and privileges as the payment of a like sum would now confer under this corporation.

ART. X.—This Constitution may be altered, at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; notice of intention to propose any alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

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#### BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Every meeting of the Society and of the Board of Directors shall be opened with prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and approved, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. II.—The Board of Directors shall appoint annually, at the meeting in February, a Publishing and Editorial Committee; also Committees on Finance and Nomination. The Finance Committee, of which the President and Treasurer shall be, *ex-officio*, members, shall meet quarterly. They shall have a general supervision of the finances, the books of the Treasurer and the accounts of "LIFE AND LIGHT" being at all times open to their inspection, and shall devise and recommend measures for increasing the receipts.

ART. III.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to invest the funds of the Society in the most productive form consistent with safety. No investments shall be made or changed by her without the concurrence of the Finance Committee. All transfers of property shall be signed by the Treasurer and President of the Society, or in case of the prolonged absence of the President, by two members of the Finance Committee in her stead.

ART. IV.—All bills for current expenses shall be approved either by the Treasurer or President.

ART. V.—Branch Societies, and auxiliaries not connected with branches, shall be required to present their Annual Reports to the parent Society on or before the first Tuesday in December.

ART. VI.—All branch societies, and auxiliaries not connected with branches, will be held responsible for work assumed by them, until due notice shall be given to the parent Society.

Branch societies shall make remittances as often as once a quarter to the Treasurer of the parent Society.

ART. VII.—The auditor shall examine the books of the Treasurer once in three months, and all the vouchers and evidences of property annually. He shall furnish the Board with a certificate of the results, to be entered on its records. The financial year shall close on the fifteenth day of December.

ART. VIII.—No business shall be brought before a public meeting of the Society that has not been previously submitted to the Board of Directors.

ART. IX.—These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous meeting.

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#### CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called “The Woman’s Missionary Society,” auxiliary to the Woman’s Board of Missions.

ART. II.—The officers of this Society shall be a Directress, Secretary and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. III.—The object of this Society shall be the collection of money for missionary purposes, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit among its members.

ART. IV.—All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Board of Missions, for the purposes of their organization.

ART. V.—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of —— annually.

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#### SUGGESTIONS FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

AN association of youth sending all its money to the Treasurer of the W. B. M., and remitting not less than five dollars annually, may constitute a Mission Circle.

A Circle raising sufficient funds to sustain a native Bible-reader, or to educate a pupil in any of the Mission Schools, can specify any field occupied by the A. B. C. F. M.

Each Circle should be designated by an appropriate name; and should appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Society.

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#### PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

WE desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may learn about Christ, who died to save them.

We promise to give one cent a week to the missionary-box, and to come together once a month to work for the cause, and to hear about missions.

(Signed.)

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#### PUBLICATIONS.

THE following leaflets have been issued by the Woman's Board, designed to assist those who wish to promote the work of the Society. They will be furnished gratuitously in small quantities; when ten or more are desired, they may be obtained at very reasonable prices.

- “ Historical Sketch of the Woman's Board.”
- “ The Need of a Woman's Board.”
- “ An organization in Every Church.”
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A monthly missionary magazine, published by the Woman's Board of Missions, containing interesting accounts of the work for heathen women, both at home and abroad. Terms, sixty cents a year, in advance, including postage.

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There are two sets on the Hindus, one on the Chinese, one on the Africans, and one representing various scenes among the South-Sea Islanders and the American Indians. A written explanation accompanies each set; and a list of the best books for missionary reading is appended. These sets are loaned for the use of mission circles, on the payment of fifty cents per set and cost of expressage. Application should be made to the Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston.

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Auxiliary Societies are requested to send copies of letters received by them from missionaries to the same address. Extracts from these letters are constantly used in stimulating other auxiliaries, and interesting them in the work of the Woman's Board. Copies of letters received by the Secretaries from missionaries, will be sent to those interested in particular fields.

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